

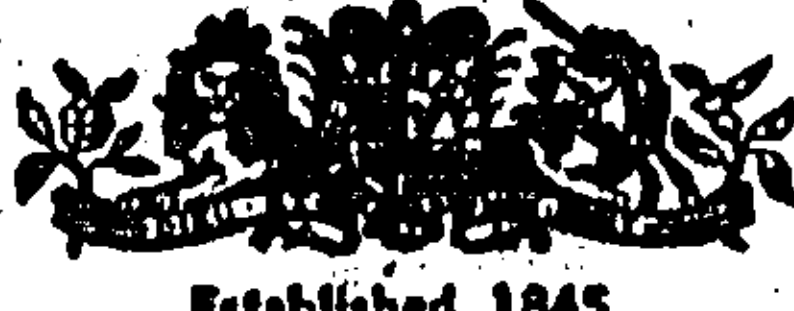
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"Had we lived, I should have had a tale to tell of the hardships, endurance, and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman. These rough notes and our dead bodies must tell the tale."

Tale Complete

NOW the tale is complete. Sir Vivian Fuchs has replied, and his triumph has that touch of poetic triumph in that his journey finished within the shadow of that wooden cross which was erected at Hut Point to the memory of Captain Scott and his men who gained immortality in the snow.

On the Scott Memorial are carved these words from Tennyson's *Ulysses*: "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield." Surely such words which form the epitaph for the earlier explorer have been snatched from the hands of Death to become the inspiration of the victorious living.

It seems but a week or two ago that we heard that Sir Vivian Fuchs should abandon his journey before the terrible Antarctic winter should demand the lives of him and the party he led. But Fuchs refused to yield, and today, not only we of the Commonwealth of Nations, but the whole world rejoices in his triumph.

Link Up

OUR satisfaction is heightened when we hear of the link up between Sir Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary. Within five years, these two courageous explorers have brought feelings of glowing pride to all members of the Commonwealth of Nations.

And that pride glows anew when we reflect that no petty feelings of jealousy marred this last great achievement.

Sir Edmund made the last terrible stage of the journey possible by what Sir Vivian described in his broadcast as the great practical help Sir Edmund rendered.

Generous Praise

EQUALLY generous was Sir Edmund in his praise of Sir Vivian Fuchs' triumph.

Modesty becomes us, indeed it is expected of us, but hearts run high today as we, by proxy of our birth, share in the delight of this wonderful adventure of the British Commonwealth trans-Antarctic Expedition.

Then, to crown it all, comes the message that Her Majesty the Queen has conferred the honour of Knighthood upon Dr Fuchs.

We too, from this outpost of the British Commonwealth and Empire add our greetings.... well done, and congratulations, Sir Vivian.

ARMS TRAINS HELD UP

Rabat, Mar. 3. The Moroccan authorities were tonight holding up three trains laden with French troops and military equipment because the French refused to allow Moroccan officials to make a detailed examination of the equipment.

One of the trains which was held up in this morning

TASK OF NEW IRAQI CABINET

Bagdad, Mar. 4. The main task of the new Iraqi Cabinet to replace the Government which resigned earlier today is to achieve materialisation of the Jordan-Iraq Union within the framework of the amended Iraqi constitution, which was recently submitted to the Chamber of Deputies.

This involves the automatic dissolution of the present chamber and the staging of general elections for a new chamber to ratify the amended constitution.

Iraqi leaders who attended this morning's palace meeting to discuss the Jordan-Iraq Union and other Middle-Eastern affairs agreed unanimously that the formation of a new, strong national cabinet under General Nuri Al Said was essential.

A MESSAGE

Meanwhile Abdullah Bakir, Chief of the Royal Cabinet, left today for Amman. He was believed to be carrying a special message from King Faisal to King Hussein of Jordan.

No change in Iraq's policies is likely to occur. Nuri will continue the present home and foreign policies which he laid down when he assumed the premiership in the summer of 1954 and firmly established a tenure of Government leadership until June last year.

In the foreign field this included the Baghdad Pact. It is certain also that the Government Development Programme initiated by Iraq's oil revenues will be continued under the present cabinet.—Reuters and United Press.

Govt Crisis Ends In Greece

Athens, Mar. 3. King Paul named Constantino Georgakopoulos head of a "caretaker" Government today, ending the crisis into which Greece was plunged yesterday by the resignation of Premier Constantino Karamanlis.

The King commissioned the temporary premier to proclaim general elections and to throw his support behind the new electoral law which was tabled by Parliament.

Mr Georgakopoulos is President of the Greek Red Cross. He was Minister of Education in the Government of John Metaxas in 1936.

RESIGNATION

Mr Karamanlis, a 41-year-old lawyer and Greece's youngest Prime Minister, announced his resignation after 15 rebels withdrew their confidence from the Government Party, the pro-Western National Radical Union.

They were acting in support of the resignation of two Cabinet Ministers who quit last week because of what they called the premier's "arbitrary method of governing."

The Ministers were protesting against the premier's handling of a proposal for proportional representation. — United Press.

Russia's Terms For Summit Talks

Moscow, Mar. 3. The Soviet Union proposed in a letter published tonight that East-West Foreign Ministers should meet in Geneva next April to prepare for a summit conference two months later.

But it said a "firm agreement" on the date for summit talks should be reached before the Foreign Ministers meet.

Details of the letter, sent to M. Christian Pineau, the French Foreign Minister, on Saturday, were issued here tonight by the Soviet News Agency Tass. The letter was written by Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister.

Composition

He said a Foreign Ministers' conference should have the "limited task" of preparing an agenda and determining the composition of summit talks.

Mr Gromyko said he noted that the French Government agreed that there should be parity both at the Foreign Ministers' and the summit conferences.

This would mean, for example, he said, "that the West be represented by France, the United States, Britain and Italy, and the East by the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania."

Agreement remains to be reached on the participation additionally of some uncommitted countries mentioned in Soviet proposals of January 8, it said.

Problems

The letter proposes that the summit conference discuss problems which give some hope of reaching an agreement.

Among them are: the establishment of an atom-free zone in Central Europe and the termination of nuclear weapon tests.

Mr Gromyko rejected M. Pineau's proposal to discuss the atom-free plan together with the reunification of Germany.

These are different problems, the letter said. German reunification is first and foremost the concern of the Germans themselves and is not connected with the creation of an atom-free zone.

Independent

Mr Gromyko said the problem of ending nuclear tests was an independent matter.

But the problem of terminating the production of fissionable materials which had been proposed for discussion, was "one of the elements of the general problem of terminating the manufacture of atomic weapons, banning their use and destroying all nuclear stockpiles."

Mr Gromyko went on to reject M. Pineau's reproaches about Soviet statements on Algeria as "groundless."

He said Soviet criticism of French policy in Algeria did not harm French interests as the statements "dealt only with the outdated policy of colonialism, which is opposed by many prominent Frenchmen."

Russia thought there was little hope of a solution there while the French Government attempted to settle the issue "by force of arms."

Mr Gromyko said Russia supported better relations with France, including economic relations and he asked M. Pineau to continue to exchange views on these and other issues. — Reuters.

'Steamroller' Tactics Heighten Western Fears

London, Mar. 3. Russian East-West conference terms today heightened Western fears that Moscow was attempting to force a summit meeting by "steamroller tactics".

This was the first appraisal by diplomatic sources of the latest terms for pre-summit and summit talks set out by Russia in a note to France.

The note was still under official study by the big Western powers and will be further examined in Nato's permanent Council in Paris this week.

But a preliminary appraisal showed, according to authoritative diplomatic officials, the Soviet standing firm on all major issues of the cold war.

PROCEDURAL

Conditions for what they are worth appeared far from limited procedural problems rather than to methods of substance, the sources added.

The first appraisal of Soviet terms, moreover, tended to confirm Western suspicions of propagandist intentions in pre-summit moves.

Western sources said that it looked as if the Russians were out for declarations endorsed by the summit conference, whereas the West would want to negotiate solid agreements on some of the most important problems that divide East and West. — United Press.

STRATOJET JETTISONS FUEL TANK

London, Mar. 3. A fuel tank almost 20 feet long fell this afternoon from an American Stratojet heavy bomber and landed in the garden of a Royal Air Force Squadron Leader at Aston Keynes, Wiltshire.

A wing tip also fell nearby after grazing the roofs of several houses.

An American Air Force spokesman here said that the Stratojet was from Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, on a training flight, and that the fuel tank which fell off was empty.

This is the second time in four days that a fuel tank has fallen from an American plane. Last Friday a B-47 in difficulties jettisoned its fuel tank at Greenham Common, Berkshire.

The tank crashed on the airfield and set fire to another plane. — France-Press.

Tax Clash

Akola, Mar. 3. About 60 demonstrators and 30 policemen were injured today in a clash at a meeting called by leaders to protest against proposed new taxes in Akola in Bombay State. Demonstrators stoned the police, who retaliated with baton charges and tear gas. — Reuters.

leaving port at Ismit when it capsized in one of the worst storms to hit the area in 15 years.

Mr Kemal Cetinel, Governor of the Turkish town of Ismit, said today that about 120 people died aboard the ferry boat.

The ferry sank shortly after

JAPANESE DOLLS PASS THROUGH HK?

London, Mar. 3. Cheap Japanese dolls that passed through Hongkong are becoming a menace to British manufacturers, said Mr Maurice Ainley.

Mr Ainley, who is a director of one of Britain's largest doll firms, had just returned from Australia. He said: "Japanese dolls are flooding Australia and I believe they are getting into Britain. I am told Japan is sending dolls to Hongkong and Singapore where they are re-exported as 'Empire Made'." — London Express Service.

Winter Resort Dynamited In Nassau

Nassau, Mar. 3. A dynamite cap thrown from a passing car exploded last night in the dining room of the Royal Victoria Hotel, one of the "big four" here that house winter tourists. No one was injured and damage was negligible.

The dining room was occupied at the time, but it had been filled with tourists only an hour before.

THE FOURTH

This was the fourth dynamiting in Nassau in the past two weeks, and apparently is part of the aftermath of the 19-day general strike by most of the island's workers that ended on January 27.

There also have been three fires—one in a printing plant, another at the race track and a third in a hotel.

The Royal Victoria holds 185 guests and is filled to capacity. The hotel management said no guests had checked out as a result of the dynamiting. — United Press.

Threatened Archbishop: Arrested

Boston, Mar. 3. Detectives arrested a leather worker late today on a charge of threatening to kill Catholic Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

The man, John J. Pohl, 51, of South Boston, was accused of making two threatening telephone calls to Boston Police Headquarters early yesterday, saying he was going to "kill the Archbishop and blow up Holy Cross Cathedral."

Police said Pohl confessed to making the calls after brief questioning.

The suspect was picked up at a South Boston leather firm where he is employed. — United Press.

Flee Mainland

Macao, Mar. 3. A total of 208 men, women and children fled the China mainland during February. They escaped by means of small wooden craft.

On February 17, the eve of the Chinese Lunar New Year, 81 escapees arrived here in 10 sampans. This was the largest group to flee from the mainland in a single day. — France-Press.

ARCHBISHOP STONED IN LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, Mar. 4. A hostile crowd stoned the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, The Very Reverend John Heenan, here late yesterday.

There was no immediate explanation for the attack which took place while the Archbishop was visiting the sick in St Anthony's parish in Scotland Road, Liverpool.

Stones, pieces of wood and other missiles were thrown at the 63-year-old Archbishop.

Spat At

Some of the crowd spat at him as he went through a narrow courtyard to visit a bed-ridden widow, Mrs Winifred Denon.

Despite the demonstration, Dr Heenan carried on with his visit to 40-year-old Mrs Denon, who has been widowed for six years.

Bed-ridden for 18 months, she has two daughters, Marion (11) and Maureen (7).

Mrs Denon said later: "As the Archbishop talked to me and gave me comfort, I could hear the noises outside, including screams."

"The Archbishop was unperturbed and carried on chatting to me. He patted me gently as he left."

Police Called

There was a further demonstration as Dr Heenan left the house and walked towards his car.

The crowd continued to demonstrate as the car drove away along the narrow street.

Police were called to the scene and dispersed the demonstrators. No arrests were made.

His secretary said late last night: "There was an incident and the Archbishop is resting. Beyond that, there is no comment."

Dr Heenan is due to visit the same area next Friday on another visit to the sick.

Scotland Road is in the Irish quarter of Liverpool and borders a strongly Protestant district. — China Mail Special.

Terrorists Ambush Policemen

London, Mar. 3. Irish Republican Army terrorists today ambushed two Ulster policemen at Roslea, in Fermanagh County some 200 yards from the border between Ulster and the Irish Republic.

The terrorists had planted a mine in the roadway which blew up the police officers' car, slightly wounding the occupants.

As the mine exploded, the IRA men sprang out from both sides of the road and opened fire on the police with automatic weapons.

The police returned the fire and called for help, but before reinforcements arrived the terrorists had made off across the border. — France-Press.

Motion Defeated

London, Mar. 3. The House of Commons tonight defeated by 304 votes to 246, a Labour motion censuring the Government's Rent Act which breeds more than 800,000 houses and flats in Britain from control.

Four Conservatives refused to vote against the motion. — Reuters.

Explosion

Albury, Mar. 3. At least 30 workers were seriously injured here today in an explosion at a waterfront factory.

Several workers were feared trapped in a fire which followed the explosion near a group of huge grain elevators.

Ambulances were rushed to the scene and hospitals were alerted. — Reuters.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN EISENHOWER AND NIXON

Washington, Mar. 3. President Eisenhower and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon have agreed that Nixon would take over as "Acting President" if the Chief Executive were unable to fill the post.

If possible, Eisenhower would inform Nixon of his inability. But, if he were unable to inform Nixon, the Vice-President, after consulting with others "would decide upon the devolution of the powers and duties of the Office and would serve as Acting President until the inability had ended."

Mr J. Haggerty, Presidential Press Secretary, said the statement given to reporters was "more or less" a copy of the understanding between Eisenhower and Nixon.

The statement said the two believe the procedure worked out is in compliance with the Constitution.

THE STEPS

It listed these steps which would be followed:

★ In the event of inability, the President would — if possible — so inform the Vice-President, and the Vice-President would serve as Acting President, exercising the powers and duties of the Office until the inability had ended.

★ In the event of an inability which would prevent the President from so communicating with the Vice-President, the Vice-President, after such consultation as seems to him appropriate under the circumstances, would decide upon the devolution of the powers and duties of the Office and would serve as Acting President until the inability had ended.

★ The President, in either event, would determine when the inability had ended and at that time would resume the full exercise of the powers and duties of the Office.

The exact copy of the understanding was not made public, but Haggerty said the White House statement covered the entire procedure agreed upon. — United Press.

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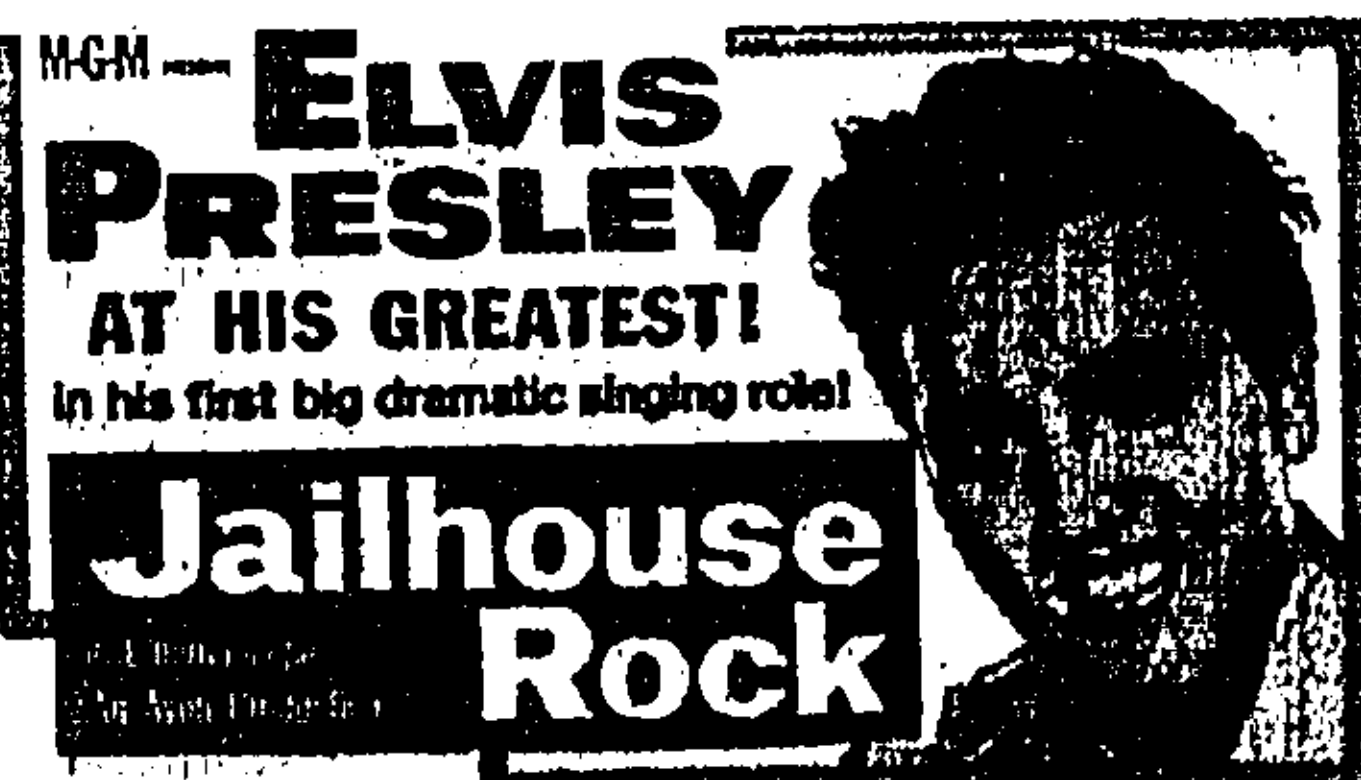
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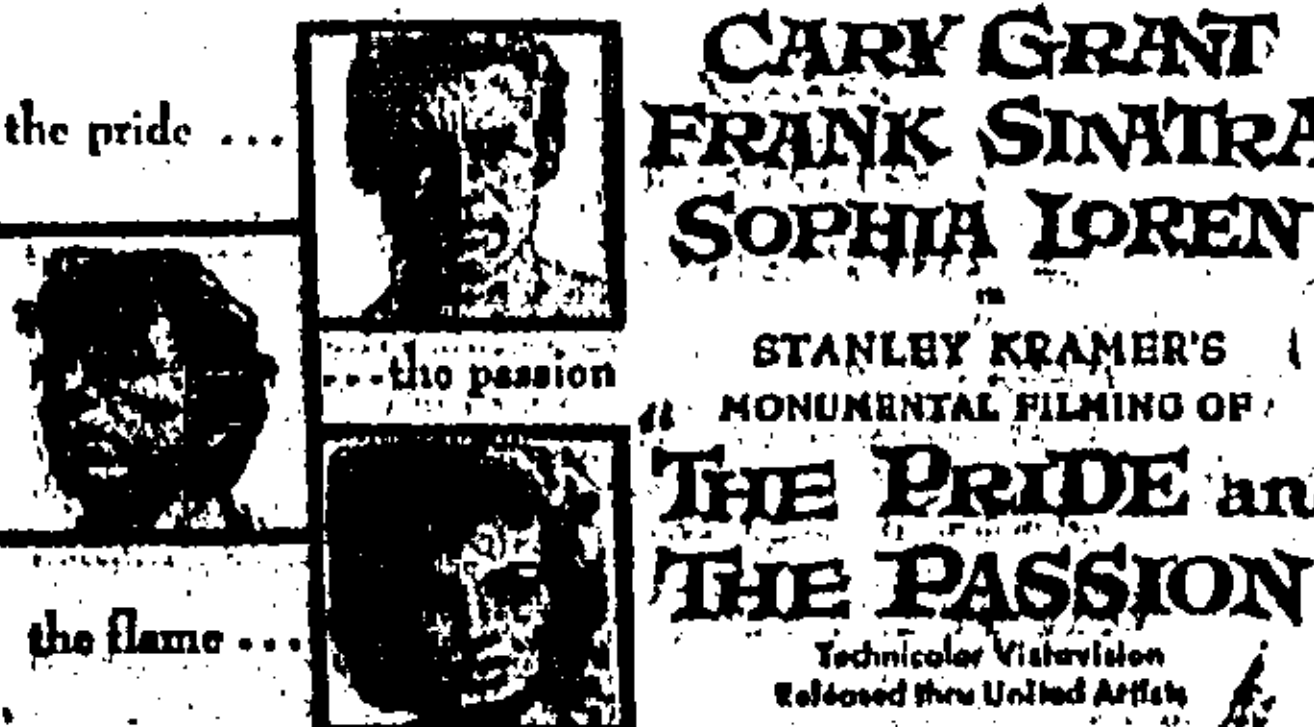
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THREATENS TO TURN
TO SEATO
AND WASHINGTON

Bukittinggi, Sumatra, Mar. 3.
The head of the Indonesian Revolutionary Government warned today that if Jakarta gets arms from Russia, the rebels will turn to the United States and the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation for help.

Prime Minister Sjafruddin Prawiranegara of the rebel regime emphasised his hope that there would be no foreign intervention on either side.

"If there is no foreign intervention, three months will be enough to bring Soekarno government to its knees," he predicted to newsmen.

He made it clear that the rebels would seek arms from America if President Soekarno received weapons from the Soviet Union.

"We will not accept being another Hungary," Sjafruddin declared. "We won't live under another Kadar, even if his name is Soekarno."

Speaking in his office in the mountainous Bukittinggi, where his government moved after the Central government bombed Padang, the rebel leader appeared confident that his campaign against the Soekarno government was moving steadily, if not spectacularly, ahead.

'We Don't Want War'

"We don't want this war," he said. "We only want Soekarno to retreat and make it possible for (Dr. Mohammad) Hatta (former Vice-President) and the Sultan of Jogjakarta to form a strong national government."

"We have no aggressive intent. We cannot attack. We have no ships and no planes. But with our present weapons we can fight the Jakarta government."

Sjafruddin said the Revolutionary Government's strongest weapon is "popular conviction that the Jakarta government is a bad government which cannot be brought down by democratic methods, by democratic procedures, by parliamentary procedures."—United Press.

They Might Have Sat On Egypt's Throne

Cairo, Mar. 3.
A man and a woman who might have sat on Egypt's Throne stood before the supreme military court here today as witnesses in a Royalist conspiracy trial.

Former Prince Mohamed Abdel Monem and his wife, the beautiful former Princess Ismailah, were called to testify about an alleged plot to proclaim them King and Queen of Egypt after King Farouk abdicated.

Five defendants—none of whom were in court—are charged with plotting to overthrow the regime and to assassinate or arrest President Gamal Abdel Nasser and members of his family.

They are Ahmed Nourallah del Maraghi, 50-year-old former Minister of the Interior in Nasser's first Cabinet, two members of the former Royal family, Mohammed Hussein Khairy, 34, and Mohammed Nassef, 43, and Lebanese citizens Edmond Habib and Jety Shihane.

They will not appear during the trial. The court will pass judgment only on the testimony of the witnesses.

The key witness in the trial, Wing Commander Isam Khalil, testified that Farouk's relatives and British intelligence officers revealed the alleged plot to him while he was posing as a fellow conspirator.—United Press.

Revolt Plan

Tunis, Mar. 3.
Tunisian police have arrested 40 people following an alleged plot against the government by followers of Salah Ben Youssef, exiled nationalist leader. A Tunisian official source said tonight.—Reuter.

Soldier Prince



PRINCE Harald of Norway, who celebrated his 21st birthday recently. The Prince, pictured here at Trandum Military Camp, is attending Norway's Military Academy.—Express.

Oxford 'Kiss Strike' Ends With The Arrival Of Spring

Oxford, England, Mar. 3.
Spring walked in today and conquered the girl students' "Kiss Strike".

The girls of Oxford University hoped to bring their male schoolmates into a campaign for nuclear disarmament by denying the men all "kissing and cuddling" until they gave in.

The "strike" announcement coincided with the beginning of a student pool on disarmament.

But nature also chose the day to bring a pre-spring over the land. Young men and women walked hand-in-hand across the campus indicated that world affairs had been pushed on one side.

Today it was official. London girl Janet Dawson, 19, one of the "strike" organisers, announced:

"Our noble experiment has failed. Our friends are too frivolous. They like men more than they fear the H-bomb."

Hurled Bomb Into Israeli Parliament, Court Told

Jerusalem, Mar. 3.
A young Israeli accused of lobbing a hand grenade into Parliament and wounding the Prime Minister, Mr David Ben Gurion and four ministers, pleaded not guilty in court here today.

Moshe Dook, 25, was charged with causing grievous bodily harm by throwing the grenade at the Cabinet table from the public gallery in the Knesset (Parliament) last October 29.

The Prime Minister spent a fortnight in hospital with leg and hand injuries and the Religious Affairs Minister, Mr Moshe Shapira, was seriously wounded.

The prosecution said in the opening address that the facts of the case could not be disputed and the main problem before the court was the question of Dook's criminal intent.—Reuter.

THEY RETURN TO WORK

Swansea, Mar. 3.
Seven hundred transport workers in a Port Talbot steel plant, who began an unofficial strike on Saturday, agreed at a mass meeting tonight to return to work.

They are employed at the Abbey works of the Steel Company of Wales.

The strikers claimed two union members had been wrongfully suspended.—Reuter.

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CABLE BRIEFS

Watertown, Mar. 3. Police hunted today for a band of rather stupid safe burglars.

Police said the burglars broke into C. J. Ferguson's service station during the weekend and stole an unlocked safe. They later dumped the safe after they apparently locked it accidentally and couldn't force it open.

Ferguson said the safe was empty.—United Press.

Burnham, Mar. 3. Members of the young Conservatives here have been advised not to invite members of the opposition Socialist Party to their meetings.

The order was issued after a group of young Tories invited a Socialist to their meeting and he converted the group to Socialism.—United Press.

London, Mar. 2. London detectives presented singer Marion Ryan with a police whistle recently when she sang for them and told her: "If you ever need help just blow the whistle."

Last night when Miss Ryan found her jewel box empty except for the whistle she blew it frantically. Nothing happened.

She had to telephone police to report the theft of her jewels.—United Press.

New Haven, Mar. 3. Marshall Bartholomew, retired director of the Yale Glee Club, says Europeans can't understand barbershop quartets because the groups are 100 per cent American.

"Europeans don't know whether the people who are making such music are in pain or are really enjoying it. It's something that you have to be an American to understand."—United Press.

Headlights For Ponies

HUNDREDS of ponies that roam England's New Forest may be fitted with "headlights and tail lights." Plans are underway to fit luminous collars around their necks and luminous strips on their tails in an effort to prevent collisions between the ponies and passing motorists.

Last year three persons and 100 ponies were killed in collisions.—United Press.

Seato Sounds A Grim Warning

Communism—Threat To Asia

An Official Report By Organisation's Secretary-General

Manila, Mar. 4.

Communist subversion, inspired and assisted from without, continues to be the chief immediate threat to the security of the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation area, an official report published here today said.

The report is from Seato's Thai Secretary-General, Mr Pote Sarasin, and is issued in connection with the fourth meeting of the Council of Ministers of Seato—United States, Britain, France, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and The Philippines. The council meeting is being held at Manila from March 10 to 13.

The 23-page report said recent developments in some parts of the Seato area had shown that there was no cause for complacency in considering either the military or the non-military threat to freedom.

The report, which gives an account of the work and development of Seato in its third year, said: "The threat of open aggression—the main danger to the countries of the treaty area at the time Seato was established—has for some time been veiled."

Tactical

"This is regarded by the governments of the Seato nations as a tactical move on the part of the Communist powers and, aware that the build-up of Communist military strength has not slackened, they are maintaining their vigilance."

Dealing with "the Communist threat," the report said that in the past year there had been a significant tightening of the Communist ranks, following the disruption caused by events in Poland and Hungary.

It added: "Having re-established their grip on the Communist world, the Soviet leaders have adopted a harder foreign policy line, especially in the Middle East and Europe. They have brandished the threat of rocket and nuclear destruction; created new tensions in the Middle East; and undermined all efforts to reach a disarmament agreement."

"At the same time they hold out the prospect of peaceful co-existence on terms, the acceptance of which would endanger the unity and security of the free world."

The report said that it was against this background that international Communism continued to pursue its course of subversion and economic and political penetration in South and South-East Asia.

Stating that Asia, as well as the Middle East, had always been regarded by the Communists as a particularly favourable target for early expansion of their influence, the report continued: "There is no evidence that the present Communist leadership deviates from this view, and much to show that they continue to work towards the eventual domination of free Asia."

"The current abstention by the Communists from violent

and aggressive moves in the Treaty area, far from implying any modification of these aims, is just another phase in their continuing struggle for domination."

In Contrast

It said that in contrast to the earlier tactics of seeking the immediate overthrow by force of some non-Communist governments in the area, the Communist powers were now trying by "seemingly legitimate" means to create a favourable climate for expansion of their influence.

It said that an important development in 1957 was the extension of the Communist economic offensive.

The report said that despite the "flexible approach" adopted by the Communists towards the various countries of South and South-East Asia, their record of action showed that their ultimate objective had always been, and still was, the overthrow of legitimate governments and the subjugation of peoples.

It then dealt with Seato's record of co-operation in the past year in meeting the subversive threat and reported on the action taken to increase defensive strength.—Router.

The Bottles Stopped Jumping

Scaford, Mar. 3. THE five-day visit of a parapsychologist apparently stopped whatever makes things jump at the James E. Herrmann home, a member of the family said today.

Mr Herrmann said that everything has been blissfully quiet since Dr Galtner Pratt, Assistant Director of the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University, set up temporary residence in the house last Tuesday.

Prior to his arrival, the Herrmanns had been plagued by bottles popping, crockery crashing, and furniture toppling.

Dr Pratt is attempting to determine whether one of the Herrmanns family possessed mental power that could make things move.

Nassau County Detective Joseph Toal was at the house before Dr Pratt's visit when a sugar bowl suddenly flew off a dining table and smashed into another nearby table. Toal said no one could have touched the bowl. In another incident, a portable phonograph flew 12 feet through the air and crashed into a stairway.—United Press.

'Lest We Forget'

Washington, Mar. 3. The Senate passed by voice vote and sent to the White House today a bill authorising construction of a Battleship Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor as a monument to the 1,102 Navy men entombed aboard the vessel when it was sunk by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941.

The Memorial and Museum would be built by private subscription and then maintained by the Navy.—United Press.

Novelist Sues Vatican Paper

Taormina, Mar. 3. The French novelist Roger Peyrefitte counter-attacked against the Church today by instructing his lawyer to file slander charges against the Vatican City newspaper *Osservatore Romano*.

The former French diplomat, himself facing action in Italy on charges of slandering Pope Pius XII, gave written instructions to a Rome lawyer, Filippo Carpi, to file slander charges against *Osservatore* with the Italian District Attorney's office in Rome.

SENSATIONAL

Peyrefitte, who became known for his sensational novels on the French diplomatic service and the Vatican, contended that *Osservatore* slandered him in a series of eight editorials in nine days which allegedly described him as a former collaborator of the Nazis.

The Italian State took action against Peyrefitte on Monday after the Vatican officially complained against his article, "Rome of the Papes," published in the pro-Communist Rome newspaper *Presse Sera*.

In the article, Peyrefitte allegedly said, among other things, that the Pope's nephews were a success in business because of their relationship.—United Press.

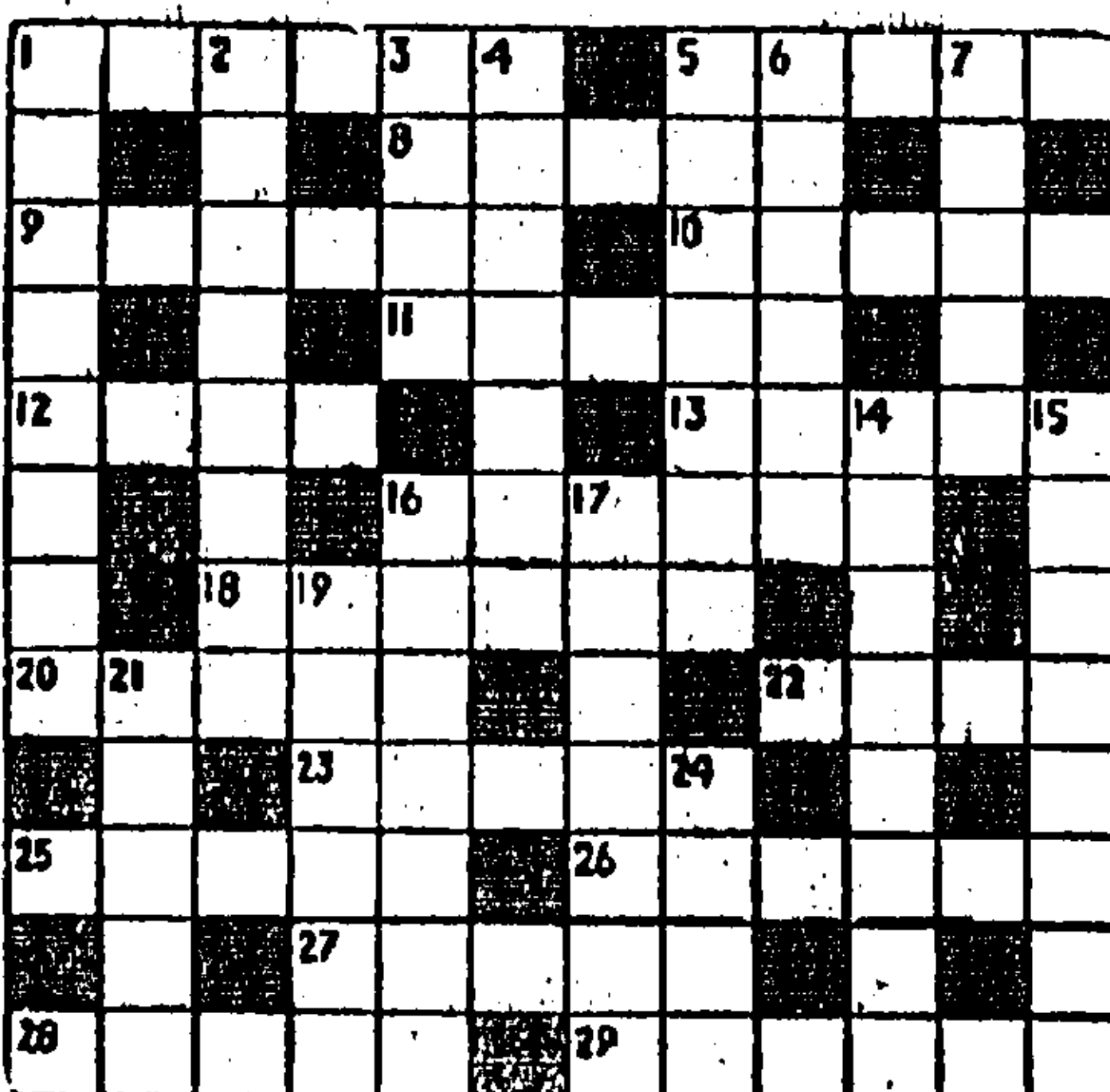
Lost Face

Nogimura, Mar. 3. Kikue Chiku, 22, a bride of one month, committed suicide on Saturday by filling her kimono sleeves with stones and leaping into the Omoigawa River because she was ashamed of her poor sewing, police reported today.—United Press.

Hit A Crocodile In The Stomach

Ndola, Mar. 3. Mr G. F. Rahtenbach, from Pretoria, has had an experience he won't forget soon. While swimming with a friend he was attacked by a crocodile which seized his left arm. The crocodile turned over on its back, twisting him. "As it did so, I hit it as hard as I could with my right hand in the belly. It let go immediately and I swam flat out for the bank," he said. He returned to his home with his arm in a sling and 30 stitches in it.—France Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 'Owzat? (8).
 - 5 Certainly (5).
 - 8 Do fully (5).
 - 9 The menace of the rat (6).
 - 10 Slaves (5).
 - 11 Gong (5).
 - 12 At that time partly heathen (4).
 - 13 Names as co-responder, perhaps (5).
 - 18 Oh, definitely (6).
 - 19 Home of an Irish rose (6).
 - 20 Slackened off (5).
 - 22 Mohammedan official (4).
 - 23 Takas wheat from chaff? (5).
 - 25 She's partly American (5).
 - 26 Bkint is one of them (6).
 - 27 The mild harmony? (5).
 - 28 Tessa is turned to advantage (5).
 - 29 Discharges through pores (6).
- DOWN
- 1 High position (8).
 - 2 Ominous things, maybe (8).
 - 3 A mother and father of us all! (4).
 - 4 Word-for-word (7).
 - 5 A case for diplomacy? (7).
 - 6 Native labourer (5).
 - 7 Thin silk fabric (5).
 - 14 Put one's foot down firmly? (8).
 - 15 Indulges in guesswork (8).
 - 16 What a bride often is, according to report (7).
 - 17 Having left a wall (7).
 - 19 One way to make secure (8).
 - 21 Extent of the property (5).
 - 24 The river that could not be recrossed (4).

MONDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Nickel, 5 Rajah, 9 Ride, 9 Common, 11 Tucks, 12 Easter, 14 Pool, 16 A-maze, 18 Weir, 19 Snow, 20 Mortar, 24 Slove, 25 Trade, 26 Nail, 27 Tryst, 28 Eicher. Down: 1 Nags, 2 Came, 3 Eric, 4 Lintel, 5 Retreat, 6 Jackdaw, 7 Hustler, 10 Manor, 13 Twin set, 14 Pillory, 15 Oddment, 17 Molar, 18 Sort-i.e., 21 Tilt, 22 Rash, 23 Dear.

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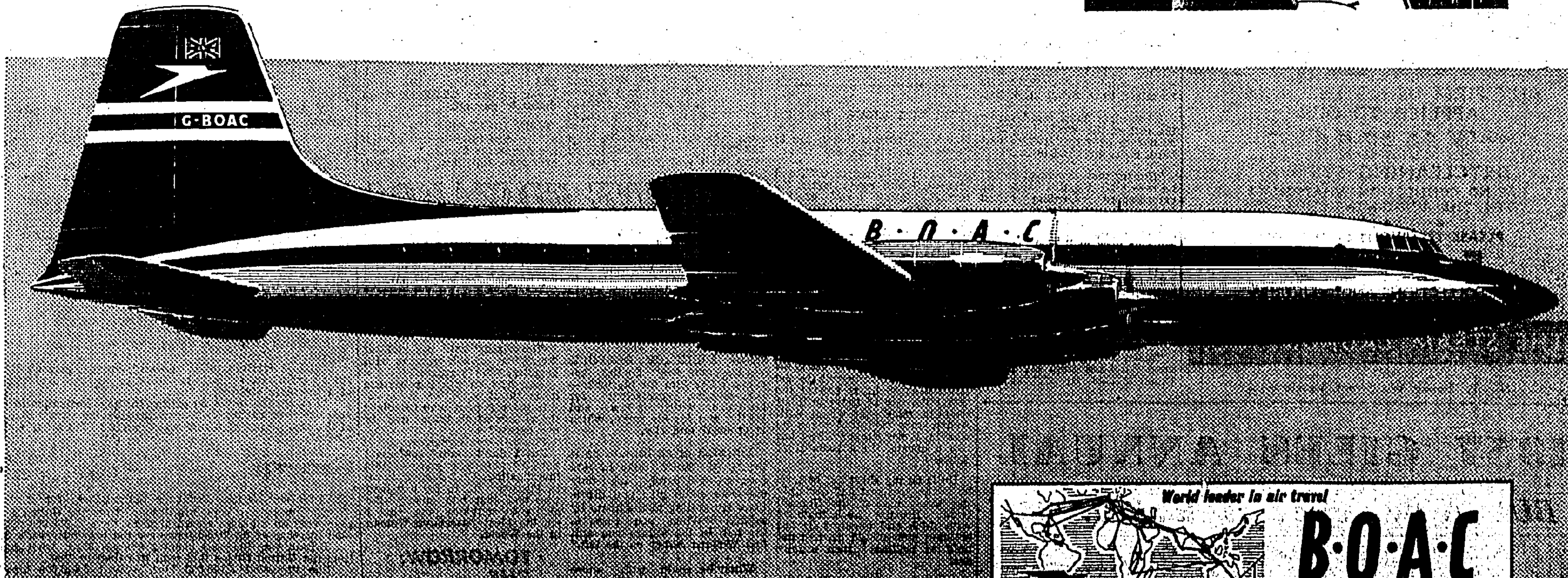
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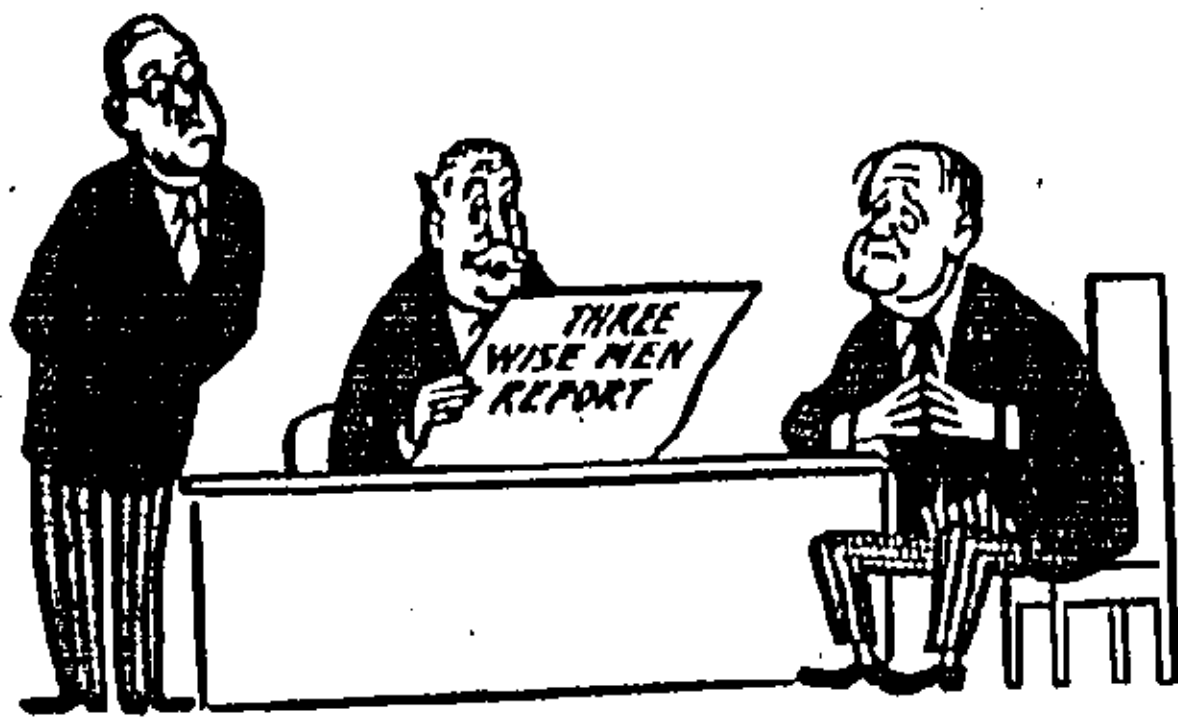
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"I think he's sad happy, he wants a cuppa char and a wad of territory!"

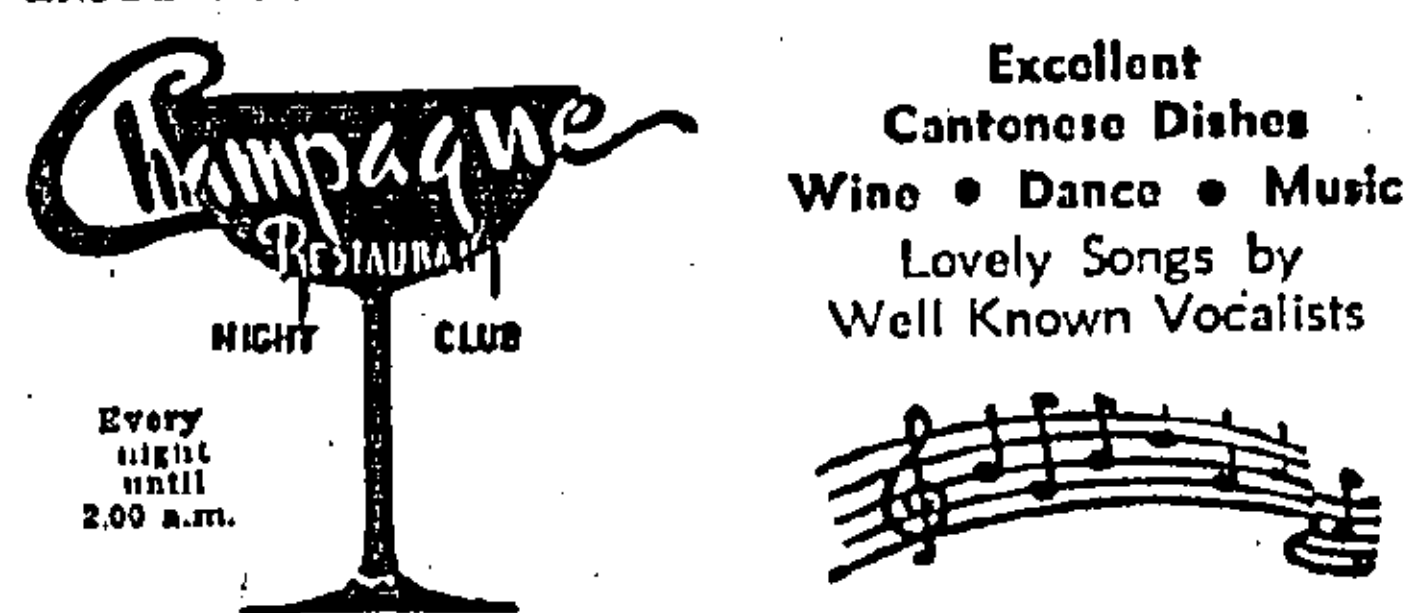


"Bagshot's quite clear on the doctrine of joint responsibility, so the 1922 Committee should call on the whole Cabinet to resign."



"He must be a spy for the other side."

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A Public Execution

BUT FIRST CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS
TO LEAP FROM DESERT TO PENTHOUSE

by RENE MacCOLL

JEDDAH, Jordan.
THE unending procession of brand new giant American cars nosed slowly along the dusty street.

The shop windows nearby were crammed with glittering goods—refrigerators and air-conditioners from America, cameras from Germany, electrical fittings from Italy.

Round the corner plasterers were hard at work putting the finishing touches to a 12-storey modernistic office building, one of scores that are being rushed to a finish all over the bustling, bustling seaport of Jeddah.

But the big and silent crowd had eyes for none of this.

A prince, a nephew of King Saud, sat stern-faced on a chair. Before him was a strip of carpet. From a lorry a man was led forward by two khaki-clad policemen. He was in his

late twenties and was completely composed.

His hands were chained together behind him and he walked awkwardly because of the chains festooned about his ankles.

Punishment

ARRIVED at the edge of the carpet he knelt and was told by the police to keep his eyes fixed on the prince's face.

At his side an official unrolled a scroll and started to read aloud the man's misdeeds and the punishment decreed by the court. The crowd was now utterly hushed.

Suddenly the line of police parted and the executioner appeared, sword in hand. He approached the victim from behind and on tiptoe. As the

reading stopped the executioner bent and touched the kneeling man lightly in the back with his finger.

Instinctively the man started, and in so doing raised his head. On the instant, with a swift and expert blow, the executioner decapitated him.

A long, slow sigh came from the onlookers.

Now a woman was dragged forward. She and the man had together murdered her former husband. She too was under 30, and slender.

The recital of her crime too was read out as she knelt, and then the executioner stepped forward with a wooden stake and dealt 100 blows with all his strength upon her shoulders.

As the flogging ended the woman sagged over on her side.

Next, a lorry loaded with rocks and stones was backed up

and its cargo deposited in a pile. At a signal from the prince the crowd leaped on the stones and started piling the woman to death.

It was difficult to determine how she was facing her last and awful ordeal, since she was veiled in Moslem fashion and her mouth was gagged to muffle her cries.

Macabre

HAD this scene been taking place in the middle of the desert it would have been grim enough, but that it should have been enacted in the heart of Jeddah's business neighbourhood lent it a dismally macabre quality.

The sun shone down from a glorious blue sky. A familiar American soft drink advertisement showed its gentle blandishment. "Come to the Middle

East!" pleaded an airline's travel poster in a nearby window. "Savour its romance, its colour, its quaint traditions."

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he loses his right hand, well, he pauses.

There is no drinking of alcohol and no smoking—(a Frenchman, strolling through the bazaars of Riyadh with me, unthinkingly lit a cigarette. Instantly, a passer-by stopped up and gravely but firmly told him to throw it away).

No profit-making on the loading of money is allowed. Horse-racing? Oh, yes, at the race-track in Riyadh some splendid racing with fine Arabian horses takes place.

But never a bet is placed, for betting and gambling are totally illegal.

Baked mud, from which Saudi houses were fashioned through many centuries, is today terribly mon-U. Cement is all the thing—although much of it is of poor quality and cracks badly.

However, who cares? "We have the money—we want to do things well." This was a phrase I heard repeatedly.

Throw up the new buildings. Install the air-conditioners (never mind if they break down from time to time).

Lay down the new four-and six-lane motor-roads. (Paved? Never mind them. No one walks, anyway.)

Get on to Detroit and order 700 more Cadillacs (at \$25,000 a time).

The reason

PUT why is the telephone service so bad? Why is the automatic system not made available? Why are so few private homes on the telephone?

"Well," I was told in whispers, "you know, we could have an automatic system in every home tomorrow. But at the moment someone thought of a dreadful possibility. With the telephone handy—the women might start gossiping among themselves. And that would never do!"

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TOMORROW: THE WINNER

CHAPTER TWO OF A THREE-PART INVESTIGATION

Now For The Short List

WITH narrowing eyes I pick my short list of the Most Attractive Men in the World. I have brought the whole wide field of fascinating men down to five. Each famous name is rated on what I know about him and—far more interesting—on what I suspect. Each is a splendid example of one of the qualities a woman values most in a man.....Power, Wealth, Brains, Breeding, Looks.

Here are the five finalists:—

Nikita, Sergievich Krushchev. Because he is the most powerful man in the world, and looks it... stocky, muscular, and masterful.

Because he has enormous vitality, drinks more, talks louder, works harder and laughs louder than other men. Because he ignored Elizabeth Taylor.

But above all because he has a sinister look in his twinkling blue eyes. And the more genial he is the more sinister he looks.

At every diplomatic gathering I've ever read about. "Many a wicked smile he smote. And many a wink he winked," while he talked to them all in riddles.

What other man could throw the rest of the world into such an uneasy tizzy by talking about buns, bedrooms, and hot air?

"Hungry men dream of buns," he says with a smile, and the ambassadors crowding round take on a worried frown.

"When you do not know someone very well, you may get into the hall," he says with a wink. "You may get into the parlour or even the dining-room, but you do not get into the bedroom."

And the delegates are left uneasily wondering.

"When Turkey is warm a cool wind can blow from the Soviet Union to cool it off," he says

with a chuckle. And everyone looks at each other with a wild surmise.

What a man... as long as you stay out of his way. He could build you a Kremlin in the Caucasus or send all your enemies to Siberia.

He could. But it's my bet he'd have you shovelling up snow at Magnogorsk at the crackle of a whisp.

THE AGA KHAN. Into the final because he is a dish. Handsome beyond belief, fun to be with, an athlete, and rich.

He skis well, dances well, and (they tell me) reads Sartre. He is a fascinating blend of the smouldering East kept in check by Western upbringing (but not too much).

He's a millionaire who, unlike most millionaires, is hell-bent on not making money, but on getting through it.

There's only one thing against him. He's only 21.

MR. RENDEL SEBASTIAN PEASE. Through to the finals because he is one of the new elite, one of those brilliant scientific minds of whom W.H. Auden once said that when he was in their company he felt like a curate in a roomful of dukes.

He is on my short list because he is the youngest and certainly the handsomest of the Harwell team. Because he is thatched with thick and unruly hair as brilliant men should be, and not bald as brilliant men usually are.

And because he will be so embarrassed at finding himself on this list.

When he could with more justice have said: "When you get to Woburn Abbey you will find the village."

But most of all because he is the least stuffy duke in the country—and surely the only one who could give you directions for getting to his home by saying: "When you come to the pub in the village you will find Woburn Abbey on the left."

THE DUKE OF BEDFORD... an easy finalist because I like him for his looks—the slender, specious; for his voice, which is low and gentle; and for his smile, which is crooked and shy.

by ANNE EDWARDS

electric discharge which heats the gas and...

I know. I've heard him. And it only increases my worship that I don't understand a single word he says.

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MY STAY WITH THE
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MONARCH... CHAPTER 2



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No appeal

THIS double execution took place just the other day. Savage, barbaric? By our standards, of course, yes. But to the Arabians—who have leaped from the eighth to the twentieth century in less than a decade, thanks to the discovery of an immense lake of oil beneath their sands—this was altogether seemly.

This was execution, according to Koranic law. A few weeks earlier, in this same spot, 14 men, convicted of theft, had their right hands chopped off.

This is the stern and automatic penalty for thievery in Saudi Arabia. No appeal—and if you should be so imprudent as to steal a second time, off comes your left hand.

Again, let us not be too sweeping in our condemnation. Within the last century and a half, men were hanged in England for petty theft—and these Saudi Arabians, in spite of their Cadillac, air-conditioners, and gold wrist watches, have been flung from the desert to the penthouse by one of the most gigantic flukes of modern times.

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ROUND-UP

Moscow

THE Soviet Union, for the first time ever, has announced figures of infant mortality. Soviet delegates at international health conferences have been embarrassed in the past when they have not been able to provide this data. Now a communique from the Statistics Board of the Soviet Government gives the following figures for deaths among children under one year for each 1,000 born: 1913, 273; 1940, 184; 1950, 47; 1957, 45.

The abrupt decline in deaths since the beginning of the war is said to be due to improved living standards.

Other vital statistics available here show that there were 2.5 births per thousand inhabitants and 7.5 deaths in 1950. This compares with 24.1 births and 9.4 deaths in the United States, and 10.1 births and 11.7 deaths per thousand in Great Britain.

Washington

AMERICA is building a super rocket engine that can hurl a motorcar into space, the U.S. Air Force announced this week.

The new motor will develop well over 1,000,000 lbs of thrust. That is twelve times as much as the Jupiter rocket that launched the American earth satellite.

It is three times better than Russia's "dog-in-the-moon" rocket.

Richard Horner, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, told Congress that this is America's first engine big enough to bring human space travel into the realm of the foreseeable future.

Work began on the super engine two years ago. Secretary Horner told congressmen: "It is certain that this is the next logical step in a programme to assure our future technical superiority in space."

Already the U.S. is readying airmen for space flying. A rocket ship, the X15, is just about ready for testing. And its successor, the X15B, a sleek, needle-nosed cone with stubby wings, is being developed.

During the next two years, under present plans, an American pilot will try to orbit the earth in the X15B.

Vatican City

THE Pope has made a strong plea for greater safety on the roads.

"It is a terrible thing," he said, "that a person's life can be cut off from one moment to the other by the thoughtless action of a complete stranger."

"Drivers too intent on getting to their destination in unfeeling haste, or racing each other through the streets in the centre of the city, do not give sufficient thought to the safety and lives of others."

Geneva

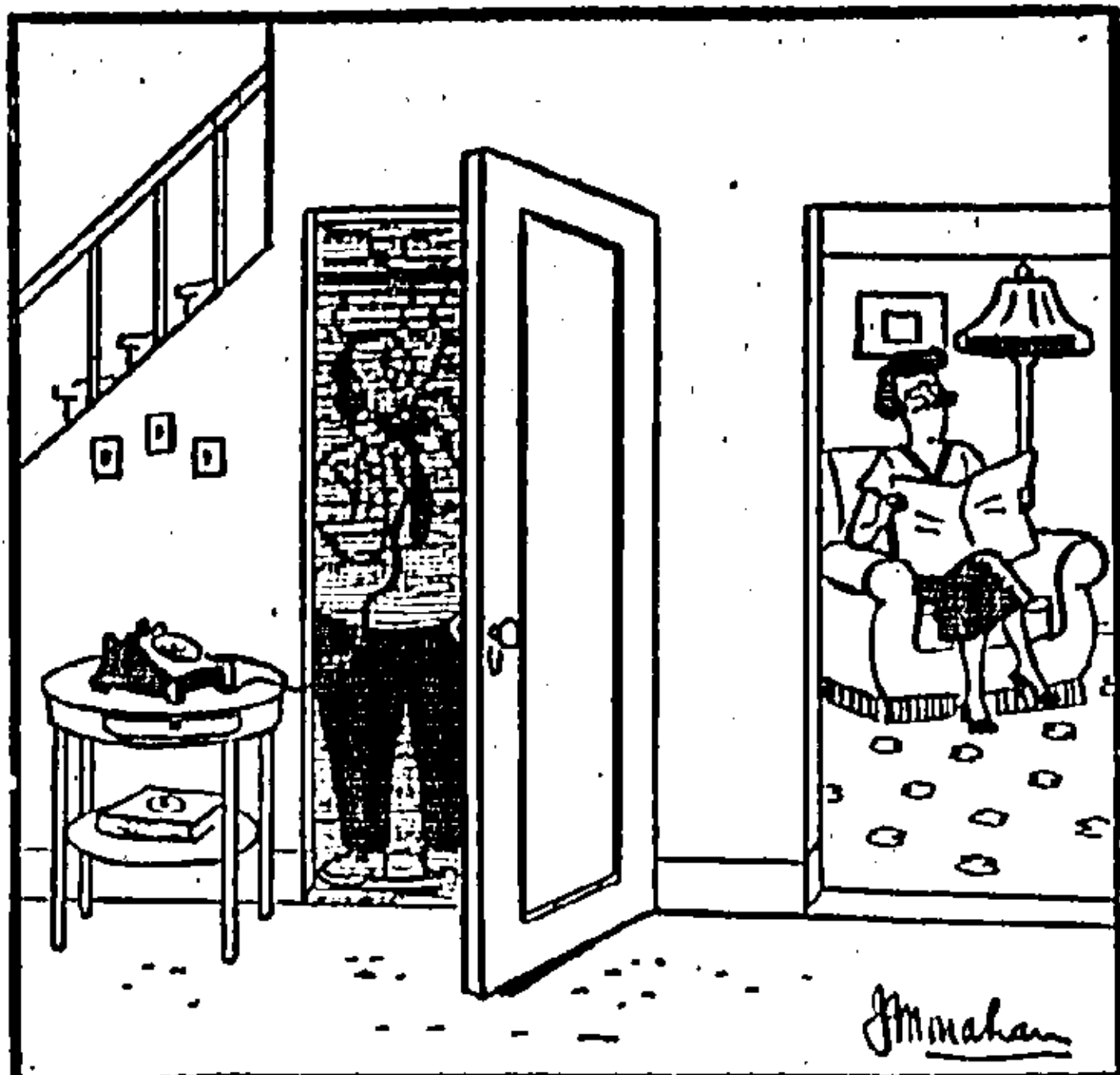
THE United Nations Economic Commission for Europe states that imports of coal into Europe from the United States last year were an all-time record at more than 45,000,000 metric tons—an increase of 6,700,000 tons over the previous year's figure.

Britain was the only country among those who import coal from the United States that took less than in 1956.

She imported 2,100,000 tons, against 2,200,000 tons in the previous year.

Western Germany was the biggest importer—10,000,000 tons, against 11,000,000 tons in 1956.

This Funny World



"It isn't that I'm afraid to ask my wife, Ed—"

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THE silence of Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht in this day of scientific marvels has been commented upon.

Inquiries at Wagging Parva have elicited the information that the sage is at work on something so fantastic that it will put us ahead of every nation for a week or two. It is believed to be a satellite that will go round and round the sun for at least 1,000 years. The problem will be to keep people interested in it for more than three days.

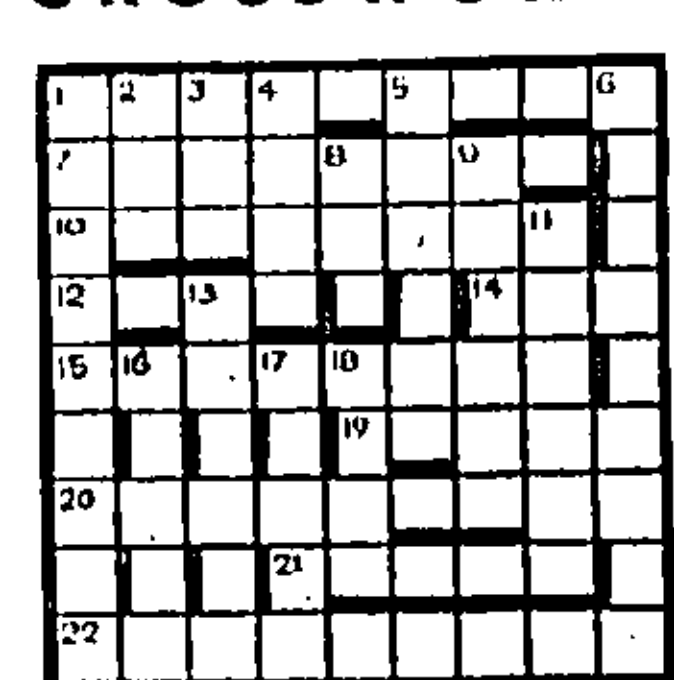
Dagger in the Dark (9)

"THIS," said Shuttleford, "is a rather overdone co-operation. We'd better stick to these damnable disguises, I suppose, but we must separate." While he spoke, several more disguised agents approached, and made themselves known. "Quite a party," said a stupid major, fanning himself with his turban. At that moment a native policeman said, "What is this assembly?" he asked. Shuttleford swallowed hastily, and replied, "Just the weekly meeting of the Friends of Asiatic Solidarity." And he handed the guardian of the law a 32-pipe note. The man grinned, bowed low and walked away. "Now," said Shuttleford, "we must clear up this mess we've got into." As he spoke his eye fell on a swarthy man in English clothes. "That man has forgotten to disguise himself," he remarked. The man smiled in rather a sinister fashion.

In passing

SATED with pay and entertaining plays, theatre audiences will no doubt have read with pleasure that there is to

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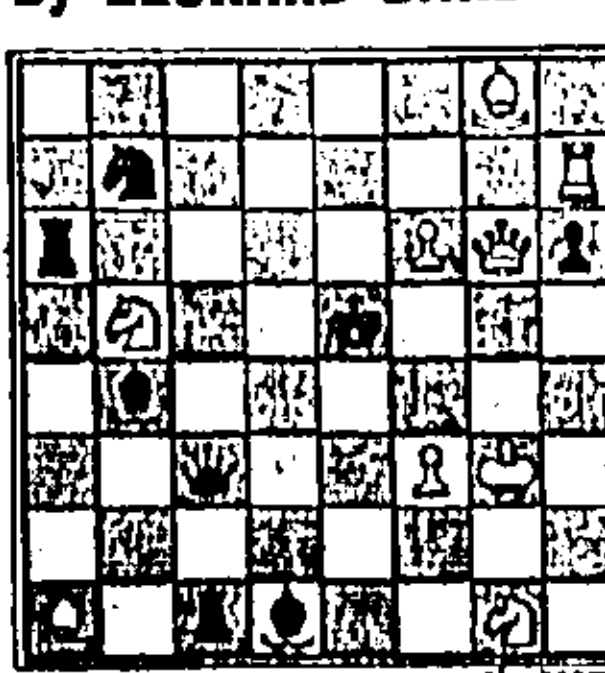


Across
1. Suite. (11)
2. Not quite (anag.). (8)
3. Plain shade. (10)
4. Lumber. (4)
5. Color etry. (4)
6. State gets around. (8)
7. Round. (10)
8. Eleven. (5)
9. Let's wish. (5, 4)

Down
1. Mathematicians use them. (2)
2. Sister. (3)
3. Dibs. (3)
4. Girl's name. (6)
5. Install new machinery. (10)
6. Impermanent. (4)
7. C.R. means this on occasion. (10)
8. A 10 of diamonds. (4)
9. Prime alone. (4)
10. Country name. (4)
11. Lover. (5)
12. Ship's door. (4)

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



A problem specially contributed by C. R. B. Bummer. White mates in two.

Solution No. 5358: 1 R x R ch. R x R: 2 B—B8! If K x B: 3 Q—R8 mate, or R x B: 3 K—K7 mate, or Q x K: 3 Q—K7 mate.

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JACOBY
ON BRIDGESimple Squeeze Is
Perfect Slam

By OSWALD JACOBY

HARRY FISHEIN of New York's Mayfair club is one of the greatest card players of all time. Here is one of his latest triumphs told in his own words.

"When I bid five no-trump my partner Morrie Ellis jumped to seven clubs. I had shown that we held all the aces and he had just the right cards for the grand slam. East doubled and that could mean only one thing. A void in diamonds! I went to seven no-trump and West opened the diamond ten.

"I let the diamond ride around to my king and when East

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♦ K J 9 4			
♣ A 7 4			
WEST EAST			
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♦ Q 10 9 8 7	♦ 3 2		
♣ 5 5	♣ None		
♠ None	♠ 7 6 5 2		
SOUTH			
♠ A 5 2			
♥ A 7 8			
♦ K 3			
♣ A Q 10 8 3			
East and West vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 N.T.	Pass
7 ♣	Double	7 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♦ 10			

showed out I spread my hand and claimed seven on a simple squeeze good against any combination of cards.

Harry is right but I wonder just how many of you readers will see his "simple" squeeze? Here it is.

Since East had shown out of diamonds the diamond finesse is proven and you have 12 tricks. Now you cash the three top spades. If the jack drops you have 10 tricks. The way the cards actually lie East shows out of spades on the third lead of the suit. Now you run five clubs, clearing dummy's queen of hearts on the last club. The ace of hearts now forces West to throw the jack of spades to establish dummy's ten or a diamond to make dummy's three diamonds all good.

If West had shown out of spades Harry would have run the clubs again. On the last club lead West would have had to discard down to one heart to keep three diamonds. Now Harry would let go dummy's little diamond and lead to the ace of spades. On the second diamond East would have to go down to one heart to keep the jack of spades and both Harry's hearts would be winners. Simple!

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 ♣ 2 ♦
3 ♠ ?
You, South, hold:
♠ K J 2 ♡ A 8 7 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ J 9 3
What do you do?
A—Bid four diamonds. This is a solid slam try and may show up a fake double if it turns out that East has been kidding.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner bids four hearts. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

BORN today, you are the visionary idealist without the practical aggressive push that brings a fact success and speedy financial returns. You are rather too easy-going, and although you have your own personal opinions on certain subjects, you are not going to insist them on others. "No more wars," "Let's live!" is your motto. If you continue quietly and consistently on your own way, doing a good job then you figure that the world eventually will beat a path to your door. And if it doesn't, who cares? Just so long as you are able to do your own work your own way to your own personal satisfaction. This idealism is all right if others are not dependent upon you. For your personal tastes are simple and you need very little money to get along on. If, however, you are pressed to "make a fortune," see to it that you take a partner who has the push you lack. Then concentrate on the ideas and let your partner put them into production.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You are careful to avoid a tactical mistake. VINO (Aug. 14-Sept. 23)—Act wisely on all affairs having to do with your job or career. Today's decision can influence the results. LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Guard against a hostile opponent and all should go to the good. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Honesty may come to someone very close to you. You may also shine in some hidden way. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Romantic may now occur from past activities. If efforts have been good, the results will be, too. CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—If considering a new venture, it might materialize sooner than you thought. Today's decision can further your aims. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—There is likely to be a decision now involving a legacy or an inheritance which may have been pending.

WOMANSENSE
THE NEWEST WITH MOSTEST

FOR the girls who are thinking of spring, we pick this as the suit that has everything. It is the newest because



It has the slightly narrow, non-padded look across the shoulders, small sleeves, and new above-the-hip length jacket.

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Although it is not cheap (£22 1s.), it has the casual blazer that teams with odd skirts.

PICTURE RIGHT: The suit look. The blazer worn with matching skirt. With it, a red, white, and blue striped wool sweater. Price £3 10s.

PICTURE LEFT: The casual look. The blazer teamed with a black skirt. With it, a white Italian cotton sweater. Price: £3 5s.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Chinese Gentleman

—He Gave Wonderful Presents To Knarf and Hanid—

By MAX TRELL

FIRST Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, made themselves as small as pins. For one of the wonderful things about being a shadow is that you can make yourself as large or as small as you please.

Having made themselves as small as pins, Knarf and Hanid climbed up to the pantry, found the Blue China Plate, lifted themselves up to the inside edge and let themselves slide.

Like Floating

Down, down, down they went! It was like floating through a blue sky on a lovely summer's day. Suddenly, with a gentle bump, they landed on the bottom of the plate.

They saw, just as they expected, that they were on top of a little grassy hill. Off to one side was a pond in which the water lilies were blooming. On the other side was a pretty house with smoke curling out of the chimney, and there were several long-necked geese waddling about in the garden.

Knarf and Hanid took a path that led down from the top of the hill to a pretty little house.

Gentle-Faced Man

A few minutes later, they were knocking on the door and a gentle-faced Chinese gentleman, in a large silk kimono, opened it.

"Ah," he cried with pleasure. "It's you, my dear. Come in, Knarf."

Knarf and Hanid smiled and said: "We're glad to be here, Ting-a-Ling."

Then they walked inside to a room that was as pretty as you can imagine.

There were flowers in little blue vases and red and blue cushions and low stools and

tables. There were pictures of birds and flowers on all the walls.

Presents For Them

"It's been a long time since you were here," Ting-a-Ling said as he invited them to sit down. "But I was expecting you just the same. See, I have two little presents for you."

He handed Knarf and Hanid each a packet wrapped in blue silk and tied with a golden thread.

"Please open them here," he said. "I want to enjoy your pleasure when you see what is inside."

Hanid opened her packet first. She untied the golden thread and loosened the blue silk covering.

"It's a box," she said. "Open it," said Ting-a-Ling. Then Hanid slit open the box.

"It's a bird cage!" she exclaimed. "Look at the tiny bird inside! It's no bigger than a cricket."

"Wind it up," said Ting-a-Ling, "and you'll hear it sing."

There was a little key at the side of the cage. Hanid wound it and the bird began to sing, hopping about and flapping its wings. It wasn't a real bird, though it sang and moved like one. It was a lovely toy.

Just As Precious

And when Knarf opened his box, he found a gift just as precious.

It was a fish bowl with two tiny goldfish no larger than thumbnails. They swam about and opened and closed their mouths. They looked as real as goldfish can ever look and yet they were toys, too.

"Thank you for the wonderful presents, Ting-a-Ling," Hanid said.

"Thank you for coming to visit me," said Ting-a-Ling. "I have enjoyed giving you these presents as much as you have enjoyed getting them."

"I wish we could take our presents back with us," said Knarf. "But we can't, can we, Ting-a-Ling?"

"No," said Ting-a-Ling. "You must leave them here, but they will always be yours, waiting for you to come back again and play with them whenever you please. So come back again soon."

It was a lovely visit that Knarf and Hanid made to their friend Ting-a-Ling, who lived at the bottom of the Blue China Plate.



Ting-a-Ling invited the Shadows to come in.

Rupert and the Lost List—24



At the Cowboy's idea the Gollivog cheers up. "Mind you don't forget what your Nutwood friends want for Christmas," he says. "And tell the Clerk that Margaret wants a woolly dog and Brian a toy crane." "Clerk? What clerk?" asks Rupert. "What are you going to do with me?" "Aw, c'mon, don't waste time with questions; jump on here and hold on to me." A voice from behind sounds urgent, and turning round, Rupert sees that the toy Cowboy has mounted the sound reindeer and is making it kneel.



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TOMORROW'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY

Sports Diary

TODAY
 10:30 a.m. Soccer
 Combined Chinese v Koreans at HK Stadium, 9 p.m.
 11:30 a.m. Badminton
 Colony Junior Championships, JRC, 7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW
 9:30 a.m. Rugby
 Army Reserve v. Rugby Tournament, Boundary Street, 11 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. Badminton
 Colony Junior Championships, JRC, 7:30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Victoria In A Commanding Position

Perth, Mar. 3. A century by opening batsman left handed Neil Crompton and 91 not out by 18-year-old John Potter helped to place Victoria in a commanding position against Western Australia in the final Sheffield Shield match of the season.

Crompton, one of a crop of newcomers to the Victorian state side this year, scored 101.

Victoria declared at 359 for three in their second innings. Western Australia scored 18 for two, and were still 375 runs behind at the close. The match ends tomorrow.

Scores:
 Victoria 191 and 359 for three declared;
 Western Australia 157 and 18 for two.—China Mail Special.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NINTH (ANNUAL) RACE MEETING
 Saturday 1st, Wednesday 5th and Saturday 8th March, 1958
 (To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.
 The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day.

The Tiffin Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.
 The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
 All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 4 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

Members will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 7281).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 28th February will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each and Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 10th May, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at—

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th February

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 1st, Wednesday 5th and Saturday 8th March 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

302, Nathan Road, Kowloon

Thursday 27th, Friday 28th February, Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
 A. E. ARNOLD,
 Secretary.

Aussies Games Team Set World Swim Record

Sydney, Mar. 3. An Australian Empire Games team of Gary Chapman, Jon Konrads, Geoff Ship-ton and John Devitt set a world record of three minutes 46.3 seconds to-night for the 400-Metre Free Style swimming relay.

Swimming in the 50-metre Brisbane Valley fresh-water pool, Chapman led off with a clocking of 57.0 seconds. Konrads followed with 57.0, Ship-ton with 57.2 and Devitt with 58.1.

Later in the evening, Devitt swam 50 metres in 24.2 seconds as part of a two-man relay. It was the fastest time ever recorded for the distance although the world record is recognised under 100 metres. Devitt also won the 100-Metre Free Style in 57.5 seconds.

OTHER EVENTS

Winners of other men's events were Konrads in the 400-Metre Free Style (4:37.8), John Monckton in the 100-Metre Back Stroke (1:02.63), Brinn Wilkinson in the 100-Metre Butterfly (1:04.1) and Terry Gathcopol in the 200-Metre Breast Stroke (2:42.8).

Women's winners were 13-year-old Ilsa Konrads in the 400-Metre Free Style (6:02.7), 13-year-old Anne Nelson in the 100-Metre Back Stroke (1:14.0), and the team of Dawn Fraser, Miss Konrads, Sandra Morgan and Elizabeth Fraser in the 400-Metre Free Style Relay (4:23.7).—United Press.

Cut this out and take it to the races

tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

12.00 noon Race 1 VALLEY STAKES (1st Section), 6 Furlongs, 155 lbs. Class 2.
 --- Alben (Nood) 147 lbs.
 --- Beautiful Flower (Leskoff) 147 lbs.
 --- Black Arrow (S. Wong) 147 lbs.
 --- Courageous (Sofronoff) 147 lbs.
 --- Follow Me (Metrevelly) 147 lbs.
 --- Golden Bear (Belokopoff) 147 lbs.
 --- Nemo Boy (Rodney) 147 lbs.
 --- Nobel Prize (Lum) 147 lbs.
 --- Rotary Wheel (Krasnoperoff) 147 lbs.
 --- Possible Acceptors: Pashu, Yu-Hua-Tsing.

12.30 p.m. Race 2 WESTERN HANDICAP, 1 Mile, Class 3.
 --- Every Day (Krasnoperoff) 139 lbs.
 --- New Love (Ng) 139 lbs.
 --- Silver Daffin (Pereboeff) 139 lbs.
 --- Good Girl (Lum) 139 lbs.
 --- Tell-me-more (A. S. Wong) 139 lbs.
 --- Advance (Chew) 139 lbs.
 --- Humble (Sofronoff) 139 lbs.
 --- Free Kick (Belokopoff) 139 lbs.
 --- Hurry tin (Sofronoff) 139 lbs.
 --- Lombard (Metrevelly) 139 lbs.
 --- Lake Success (Leskoff) 139 lbs.
 --- Emperor Delight (Nood) 139 lbs.
 --- Possible Acceptors: Krasnoperoff, 1000 Pound Touch, Manman.

1.00 p.m. Race 3 VALLEY STAKES (2nd Section), 6 Furlongs, 155 lbs. Class 2.
 --- Black Friday (Krasnoperoff) 147 lbs.
 --- Dainty (Shiu) 147 lbs.
 --- Eunice (S. H. Wong) 147 lbs.
 --- Impregnable (Nood) 147 lbs.
 --- Lady Pam (Leskoff) 147 lbs.
 --- Minerva (Metrevelly) 147 lbs.
 --- Talitha T. (Rodney) 147 lbs.
 --- Temujin (Sofronoff) 147 lbs.
 --- Top Speed (Pereboeff) 147 lbs.
 --- Possible Acceptors: Jadelent, Nightingale, Venus.

1.30 p.m. Race 4 LADIES' PURSE, 1 Mile, Class 3.
 --- Esquire (S. H. Wong) 139 lbs.
 --- Our Pride (S. H. Wong) 139 lbs.
 --- As You Like It (Lum) 139 lbs.
 --- Encore (S. H. Wong) 139 lbs.
 --- Madame Fortune (Lum) 139 lbs.
 --- Newington (Rodney) 139 lbs.
 --- Victoria Peak (Rodney) 139 lbs.
 --- Strathvohr (Rodney) 139 lbs.
 --- Jazbel (A. S. Wong) 139 lbs.
 --- Beloved (Ng) 139 lbs.
 --- Cover Girl (Lum) 139 lbs.
 --- Distant Sky (Lum) 139 lbs.
 --- Reyez (Krasnoperoff) 139 lbs.
 --- Ciseo Kid (S. H. Wong) 139 lbs.
 --- Possible Acceptors: Oscar Prize, Whinzie Touch, Manman.

2.00 p.m. Race 5 OLD COURSE HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 1/2 Mile, Class 5.
 --- Gladie (Metrevelly) 155 lbs.
 --- Remchurch (Metrevelly) 155 lbs.
 --- Glanure Girl (Lum) 155 lbs.
 --- Happy Birthday (Metrevelly) 155 lbs.
 --- Circus (Lum) 155 lbs.
 --- Mascot (Leskoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Angel (Tokmankoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Co-ordination (S. H. Wong) 155 lbs.
 --- Possible Acceptors: Star Turn.

2.30 p.m. Race 6 OLD COURSE HANDICAP (2nd Section), 1 1/2 Mile, Class 5.
 --- Mercurry (Metrevelly) 155 lbs.
 --- Pandora (Pereboeff) 155 lbs.
 --- Silver Wing (Chew) 155 lbs.
 --- Jake (Pereboeff) 155 lbs.
 --- Desert Hero (Lum) 155 lbs.
 --- Flying Eagle (Shiu) 155 lbs.
 --- Golden Branch (Chew) 155 lbs.
 --- Ivan-Ho (Rodney) 155 lbs.
 --- Welcome (Nood) 155 lbs.
 --- Gabriel Junk (Krasnoperoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Kelpie (Rodney) 155 lbs.
 --- Queen's Parachute (S. H. Wong) 155 lbs.
 --- Ben Lomond (Leskoff) 155 lbs.
 --- City of Victoria (Lum) 155 lbs.
 --- Possible Acceptors: Star Turn.

3.00 p.m. Race 7 JOCKEY CUP, 1 Mile, Class 1.
 --- Hawaiian Moon (Ng) 155 lbs.
 --- Attractive Power (Lum) 155 lbs.
 --- Not So Bad (Metrevelly) 155 lbs.
 --- Cursey (Belokopoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Not So Blom (Nood) 155 lbs.
 --- Good News (Rodney) 155 lbs.
 --- Grand Beauty (Sofronoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Easy Money (Sofronoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Lawrence (Pereboeff) 155 lbs.
 --- Fall-of-Spirit (Lum) 155 lbs.
 --- Possible Acceptors: Air Power, Waghlan.

3.30 p.m. Race 8 OLD COURSE HANDICAP (2nd Section), 1 1/2 Mile, Class 5.
 --- Five Gold (Nood) 155 lbs.
 --- Caesar (Tokmankoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Firefoot (Sofronoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Panora (S. H. Wong) 155 lbs.
 --- Olgha (Krasnoperoff) 155 lbs.
 --- Million Bonus (Lum) 155 lbs.
 --- Possible Acceptors: Appreciation, Tai Ping Shun, View Point, Lum, C. L. Liu.

4.00 p.m. Race 9 GRANDSTAND HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 Mile, Class 2.
 --- Raja (S. H. Wong) 155 lbs.
 --- Mercurry (Metrevelly) 155 lbs.
 --- Pandora (Pereboeff) 155 lbs.
 --- Silver Wing (Chew) 155 lbs.
 --- Jake (Pereboeff) 155 lbs.
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Ladies' Purse, Jockey Cup And Valley Stakes The Main Attractions By "RAPIER"

The second day's programme of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting commences at noon sharp tomorrow with 10 events to be contested. The Ladies' Purse, the Jockey Cup and the three sections of the Valley Stakes for 1958 Subscription ponies will be the main attractions of the day.

Here are my estimates of the chances—

FIRST RACE Valley Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The opening event is confined to the first section of new Australian subs which will light out the issue in this race and, judging from their training performances, I strongly fancy Noble Prize (P. Plumby) to win. Courageous (H. K. Hung) is the next best bet, but it must also be borne in mind that Alben (Robert Tsai) is a fast moving animal and if it can take the lead there will be no catching it.

For big money I recommend Rotary Wheel (Kenny Kwok).

SECOND RACE Western Handicap: One Mile.

Class B ponies will battle out the finish in this event. I think this race is between Good Girl (K. Kwok) and Tell-me-more (Robert Tsai). They have shown gradual improvement in morning workouts and can last the distance.

I like the chances of New Love (Horace Chan) too. This pony is in good condition and ready to make amends for its failure in its last attempt in the Pink Bay Handicap over the two-mile post at the 7th Race Meeting.

Free Kick (P. Plumby) continues to train in satisfying style and is worth following as an outsider.

THIRD RACE Valley Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The Second Section of 1958 ponies will gather together for this event and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between Temujin (H. K. Hung), Eunice (Chun Kit) and Top Speed (S. Wong).

Venus will undoubtedly be made hot favourite and, judging from training form, it should certainly have no difficulty in winning.

Temujin should fill second place.

For the third position I think Eunice is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on Top Speed.

FOURTH RACE Ladies' Purse: From 2 Mile Post.

This is the first important race of the day and is confined to Class 5 ponies. Looking over the entries, I like the chances of Jazbel (H. K. Hung), Eunice (Robert Tsai), Newington (P. Plumby), and Cover Girl (H. K. Hung).

Jazbel won the Reprise Bay Handicap (First Section) at the 7th Race Meeting, carrying 139 lbs. It has been penalised by 13 lbs., i.e. up to 151 lbs., as a result of this victory, but I don't think this will hinder its chance of scoring a win here.

Encore is fighting it at the moment and if Robert Tsai succeeds in getting it in front on the rise of the barrier it should be very near at the finish.

Newington is a fast improving animal and will probably extend the above ponies.

Cover Girl is the rank outsider in this event.

FIFTH RACE Old Course Handicap (First Section): From 1 1/2 Mile Post.

In this race for the first batch of Class 5 ponies over this distance, Gladie (M. Samarra) is the obvious choice for first place.

I think Co-ordination (Robert Tsai) is the only other pony among the entries to challenge.

SIXTH RACE Grandstand Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 2 ponies. As You Wish will be taken out by A. Ostroff and, judging from its win in the Peace Memorial Cup at the 7th Race Meeting over the two-mile post, it is strongly fancied to win again.

I think it will do so, leaving Milky Way (H. K. Hung) to dispute second place.

For an outsider I would recommend keeping an eye on No Surprise (Robert Tsai).

SEVENTH RACE Valley Stakes (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

Supersonic (K. Kwok) is showing top form in morning training and should be a firm favourite. Ponies ready to offer opposition are Passing Shot (Robert Tsai) and Miss Reading (P. Plumby). Both have shown much promise in their morning gallops.

Grace (Allan Chan) is the best outsider.

EIGHTH RACE Jockey Cup: One Mile.

A perusal of the entries in this race for novice jockeys leaves the impression that Not So Bad (W. M. Chan) has a good opportunity of winning as it is in splendid condition at the moment.

Orange Beauty (Edwin Mok) must be borne in mind as the pony is improving during morning gallops.

Cursey (M. A. C. Roza) and Attractive Power (Lai Chuan-fai) are also dangerous and must not be overlooked.

NINTH RACE Old Course Handicap: From 1 1/2 Mile Post.

Among the ponies running in this event, Five Gold (H. K. Chung) has the best recommendation for a win.

Hogan Bassey Wants To Meet Japanese Boxer

New York, Mar. 3. Hogan "Kid" Bassey, Nigerian holder of the world feather-weight boxing title, said here today that he would like to fight in the Far East later this year.

Bassey, who arrived here to prepare for his title defence in Los Angeles on April 1 against Ricardo Moreno, of Mexico, told reporters: "I want to meet the Japanese Champion, Shigeo Kaneko, and the Filipino titleholder, Flash Elorde."

"A trip to the Far East would be great this year," he added.

Bassey's manager, Mr. George Biddles, said that his boxer hoped for more than one fight on the present visit to the United States.—Reuter.

Home Soccer Results

Results in tonight's English football matches were:

League Three South

Queen's Park Rangers 0, Aldershot 1.

Walsley 0, Plymouth Argyle 2.—Reuter.

TABLE TENNIS

And Now A 'Rocket' Racket By Rumanians

Budapest, Mar. 3. The new Rumanian "rocket" racket will be demonstrated during the current European Table Tennis Championships here.

This new racket, designed by Rumanian engineer Christian Clisaru, will enable players to alter its surface tension for defensive or attacking shots during play.

The racket consists of a flexible metal frame covered in rubber.

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The handle contains a regulator for expanding or contracting the frame, at the same time tightening or relaxing the rubber covering.

The racket weighs only a few ounces, and the regulation of the tension of the rubber can be performed in a split second without the opponent seeing it.

In this way the player can change from defence to attack in one stroke.

Several Rumanian players, including Thomas Relter and Paul Pesch, have already carried out exclusive experiments with the "rocket racket", but the reaction of the International Table Tennis Federation remains to be seen.—France-Press.

Best Tips For Valley Races Tomorrow

By "Rapior"

RACE 1

Nobel Prize
 Courageous
 Alben
 Outsider:—Rotary Wheel.

RACE 2

Good Girl
 Tell-me-more
 New Love
 Outsider:—Free Kick.

RACE 3

Temujin
 Eunice
 Dainty
 Outsider:—Top Speed.

RACE 4

Jazbel
 Encore
 Newington
 Outsider:—Cover Girl.

RACE 5

Gladie
 Co-ordination
 Good Condition
 Outsider:—Mascot.

RACE 6

As You Wish
 Milky Way
 Permanent View
 Outsider:—No Surprise.

RACE 7

Supersonic
 Miss Reading
 Passing Shot
 Outsider:—Grace.

RACE 8

Not So Bad
 Cursey
 Orange Beauty
 Outsider:—Attractive Power.

RACE 9

Five Gold
 Alex's Gift
 Fleetfoot
 Outsider:—Cursey.

RACE 10

Jake
 Raja
 Golden Branch
 Outsider:—Ivan-Ho.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

Rotary Wheel
 Courageous
 Follow Me
 Outsider:—Golden Bear.

RACE 2

Good Girl
 Tell-me-more
 New Love
 Outsider:—Lombard.

RACE 3

Black Friday
 Dainty
 Temujin
 Outsider:—Minerva.

RACE 4

Victoria Peak
 Newington
 Beloved
 Outsider:—As You Like It.

RACE 5

Gladie
 Good Condition

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



Stubborn Sixth Wicket Stand By Pakistan Pair

Kingston, Mar. 3. Pakistan seemed to be heading for certain defeat by the West Indies when tea was taken on the fifth day of the six-day third Test here today.

At this stage Pakistan were 157 for five wickets in their second innings, which meant that they had to score 305 more runs to avoid an innings defeat. Pakistan scored 326 in their first innings and the West Indies replied with the mammoth total of 790 for three wickets declared.

But after tea, Wazir Mohammad and Pakistan's captain, A.I. Kardar, improved the position with a stubborn stand. Wazir completed his century in two hours 35 minutes. He hit 17 fours, including four off an over from Gilchrist after the new ball was taken at 200. With Kardar he added 163 at over a run a minute for the sixth wicket, and at the close Wazir was 102 not out and Kardar 46 not out.

The Scoreboard

PAKISTAN

1st Innings—328

WEST INDIES

1st Innings—790 for three declared

PAKISTAN

2nd Innings

Half Mohammad, b. Gilchrist 13

Imtiaz Mohammad, lbw, b. Dewdney 0

Saeed Ahmad, c. Gilchrist, b. Gibbs 44

Wallis Mathias, c. Alexander, b. Eric Atkinson 19

Alim-ud-Din, b. Gibbs 102

Wazir Mohammad, not out 46

A. I. Kardar, not out 40

Extras 10

Total (for 5 wickets) 273

Fall of wickets 1-8, 2-20, 3-57, 4-105, 5-120.

Bowling

O. M. R. W.

Gilchrist 12 3 65 1

Dewdney 15 1 41 1

Atkinson 19 4 31 1

Gibbs 10 4 46 2

Smith 8 2 20 0

Sobers 14 4 41 0

Weekes 3 1 10 0

—Reuter.

Canada Beaten

9-0 In Thomas Cup Match

Long Beach, Mar. 3.

The United States won the North American Zone Thomas Cup badminton competition here at the weekend with a 9-0 victory over Canada.

The Inter-Zone ties will be played in Singapore in June with the winners challenging Malaysia for the trophy.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH FA CUP

4th ROUND DRAW

London Mar. 3.

The draw for the Fourth Round of the Scottish Football Association Cup, made in Glasgow today, was:

Kilmarnock or Queen of the South v Rangers.

Motherwell v Aberdeen.

Clyde v Falkirk.

Hibernian v Third Lanark.

The matches are to be played on March 15.—Reuter.

AMATEURS GET CASH HELP

I APPLAUD THIS CHARTER, MCC

By PETER MAY

Well done, MCC. You have often been accused of acting slowly. But now you have shown a lead to other sports. Amateur cricketers know where they stand. The MCC report on amateurism is the outcome of five months' investigation by a committee of which I had the honour to be a member.

From the start I was impressed by the thoroughness with which every aspect of this problem was approached.

You may not agree with all the committee's findings. But, at least, their knowledge and experience are undisputed.

So clear on one point. Most professionals believe that the amateur approach is good for cricket. They enjoy playing with, and under, amateurs.

First-class cricket today is public property. Every facet of it comes under the microscope of Press, radio, and television, together with an almost bewildering mass of literature and debate.

In all the publicity the word "amateur" has fallen into disrepute.

Call them "cricketers." Pay them all, argued some. Neither is the answer.

An amateur is someone who is NOT paid for playing, however, indirectly.

Amateur Status

Amateur status is NOT infringed by a county appointment, much as secretary-captain provided that, over the year, the captain makes a full-time contribution to his secretarial work.

Men like Desmond Eagar of Hampshire and Charles Palmer of Leicestershire have breathed life and strength into their counties. And they have devoted long hours to their secretarial work.

They could not have done so if the counties had not given them a living.

Whatever job an amateur cricketer does he should justify himself in it irrespective of his reputation as a cricketer.

Let us be frank. The people who offend are those "non-professionals" given jobs through which they play full-time cricket but who do virtually nothing in return. They ARE paid for playing cricket.

"Broken-time" for amateurs on overseas tours is recommended so that England can field the strongest possible side abroad.

In the past a number of brilliant amateur cricketers simply could not afford to tour. The problem of helping them without breaking their amateur status was, until now, considered insurmountable.

Expenses Only

The English amateur receives expenses only. He should not be financially embarrassed in order to play for his country abroad.

Equally, he should not MAKE any money.

A tour to Australia or South Africa means six months away. At home the season lasts four months. The amateur is not obliged to play six days a week. So he can still find time to keep up with business.

One of the truest amateurs today is David Sheppard, who, even though he does not play regularly for Sussex, still has the ability to play for England without a lot of match practice.

Those with the gifts of David Sheppard are few. No ordinary amateur can afford to play in

our first-class programme—the hardest in the world—unless he has a sympathetic employer.

If he devotes enough time to his job, whether in business or cricket administration, he is not PAID to PLAY cricket. He is an amateur.

I will give you my own position. I enjoy cricket. I do NOT play it for financial gain. If I had not got a job which allowed me to play regularly, my first-class cricketing days would have been few.

I am lucky. But out of season I try to make up for lost time at business.

A Problem

Advertising is a complication. This has been a problem for a long time.

Some professionals think they alone should capitalise upon prowess at cricket.

There are limits beyond which the amateur should not go. I agree that amateurs should not cheapen themselves by advertising goods not connected with cricket.

I have my name on cricket bats. I feel justified in doing so. I believe my performances confirm its quality.

My conviction is that it is not the individual who counts. I am only interested in whether he is worth his place, and has the right approach.

—(London Express Service).

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Their Third

Successive Win In

World Ice Hockey

Oslo, Mar. 3.

Canada's team, Whitby Dunlops, gained their third successive win in the World Ice-Hockey Championships by trouncing the young Finnish team 24-0.

The Canadians have scored 50 goals and conceded only one. They are leading the championships with six points, the Russian team, also strongly tipped as Championship winners, have played only two matches.

The Czech team, considered one of the "big five" of the tournament, showed impressive speed and technical skill in beating Poland 7-1 today.

The United States were held 1-1 in the first period but recovered later to beat Norway 6-1 for their second win in the championships.

The American team has not impressed so far in the tournament and is not considered as one of the favourites for the title, especially after the match against Norway who have had six men injured so far in the Championships.

Tomorrow night Russia plays Czechoslovakia, and Sweden meet the United States.—Reuter.

LAST NIGHT'S RUGBY TRIAL

Services Score Comfortable 25-0 Win Over Civilians

By "PAK LO"

After watching last night's trial match between the Civilians and the Services, which incidentally the Services won by the very comfortable score of 25 points (2 goals, 4 tries, 2 penalty goals) to nil, it was fairly simple to pick out the players who automatically deserved Colony status.

First and foremost was O'Kelly, who even outshone Leppard at full back, but with Gilbertson playing a very disappointing game it would be much more sensible to move O'Kelly to fly half and leave Leppard at full back. Others to definitely deserve selection were Robertson, Wynn and Muntz, O'Donnell, Busby and Penman.

The biggest weakness of this Colony XV will obviously be too often the ball did not move as it should have done, and when it reached the centres bad passing spoiled the three moves. Goulds, who ran well and straightened anyone, muddled his display with bad passing, and Bede-Cox and Sharp did not get the supply of the ball they should have done.

The Civilians three were much worse though Cheong in the centre did well until he was injured and had to leave the field. In fact Cheong was the only Civilians to tackle really well and as this game against the All-Blacks will probably be a defensive game, Cheong would appear to be the obvious selection. On the wings the two Army threes deserve another chance with better material inside them.

My Selection This then would be my selection for the Colony, taking only into consideration those who played in last night's game.

Leppard, Sharp, Cheong, Valentine, Bede-Cox, O'Kelly, Robertson, Williams, O'Donnell, Macintosh, Wynn, Muntz, Penman, Millar, Busby.

Right from the start in the game the Services took control of the lineouts with Wynn and Muntz doing most of the work, while O'Donnell out-hooked Hung fairly convincingly, although he had the advantage of the heavier pack.

Robertson behind the pack played a wonderful game, easily one of his best to date, but behind him the three never settled into a good attacking machine.

Poor Tackling The Civilians without the ball were forced on the defensive and poor tackling and bad, slow covering robbed them of their very slender chances of victory. Leppard opened the scoring when he converted a penalty from about 30 yards from the Civilians' line.

O'Kelly very narrowly missed a chance to score from forty five yards with a penalty a few minutes later. A loose ball from a kick ahead gave the Services their next chance and O'Donnell, well up with the attack, touched down to make it 6-0 as Leppard, who did not shine with his kicking, missed 6-0.

The Services maintained the pressure and it was Busby with his usual do-or-die expression on his face who gathered a loose ball and scored the next try about half way out, 9-0.

Robertson proved his worth again when he grabbed a quickly heeled ball from a five-yard scrum and whipped through for a nice try near the posts. This five yard try is becoming quite a habit with Robertson and he is so fast with it and goes so hard for the line that he is almost impossible to stop. Leppard converted, 14-0. The next came from the loose and Gilbertson was sent over in the corner, 17-0.

A spite of bad passing by the Services followed, but the Civilians were too slow to take

English Hurdles Will Not Worry Tough Sachem

By PETER SCOTT

From a few runners France has produced four placed horses in post-war renewals of the Champion Hurdle. The tough bay six-year-old Sachem, from Maisson Laflitte could add to that number on March 11.

Sachem's Cheltenham prospects were in no way dimmed when he was beaten into fourth place under five lengths from the winner Hector in the two miles, one and a half furlongs Prix Colombelles at Autoull, Paris, recently.

A stumble some five furlongs from home cost him at least 10 lengths. Inspecting the Autoull course before racing, I was amazed to see how cut up in some cases the ground had become after only two days of the spring season.

Sachem jumps the French "brush" hurdles fast and boldly and he has been schooled satisfactorily over English ones at home. The gelding is noted for his finishing efforts, and a powerful late run up the Cheltenham hill will test his Champion Hurdle opponents to the full.

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The First Bend

A particularly bad patch on the first bend of the final loop looked almost as if it had been under plough, and it was hereabouts that the mishap occurred.

Although Sachem made up much of the lost ground in remarkable style, the favourite, Hector, a four-year-old with excellent flat race form, had established a winning advantage at the last jump.

Sachem's jockey, possibly still harbouring fears that the horse might have injured himself and

Fifth Asian Table Tennis Tourney

At Colombo

New Delhi, Mar. 3.

The fifth Asian Table Tennis Championships will be held in Colombo from August 23 to 30, T. D. Ranganamanjam, Secretary of the Asian Table Tennis Federation, announced here today.—Reuter.

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FA CUP DRAW FOR MARCH 22

London, Mar. 3.

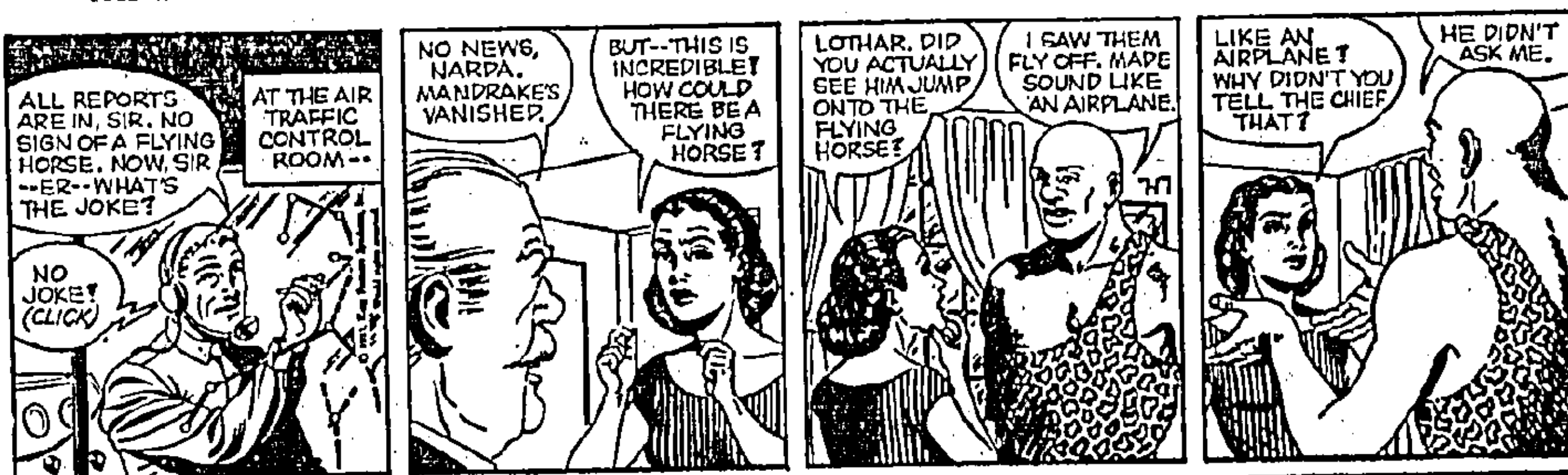
The draw for the semi-finals of the Football Association Cup, to be played on March 22, was made today as follows:

Blackburn Rovers v Bolton Wanderers; West Bromwich Albion or Manchester United v Fulham; the Blackburn v Bolton match will be played on Manchester City's ground in Manchester and the other tie will be played on Aston Villa's ground in Birmingham.

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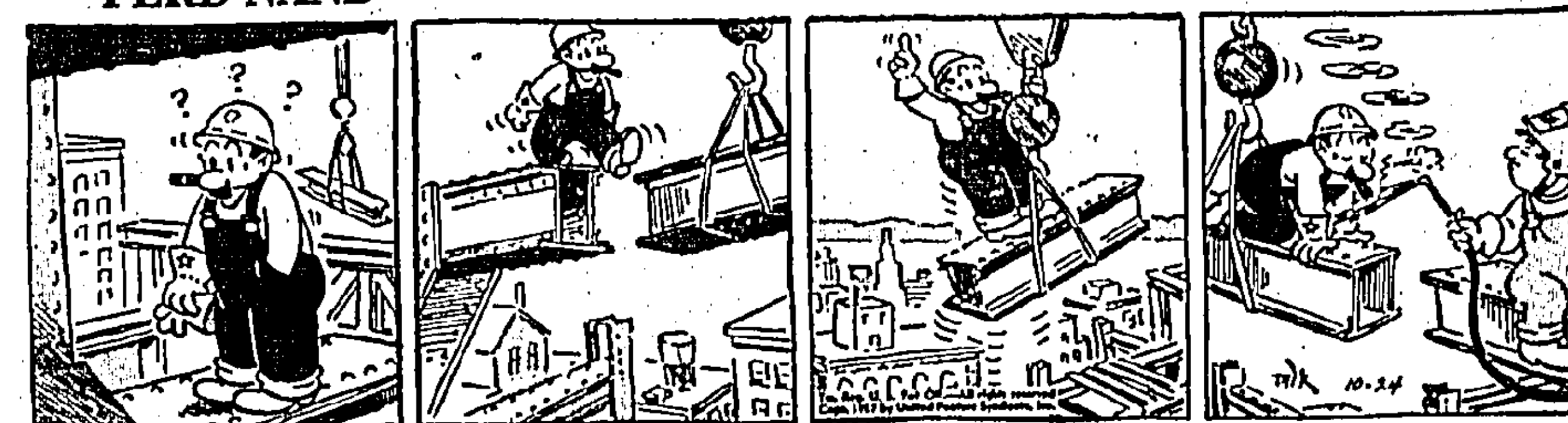
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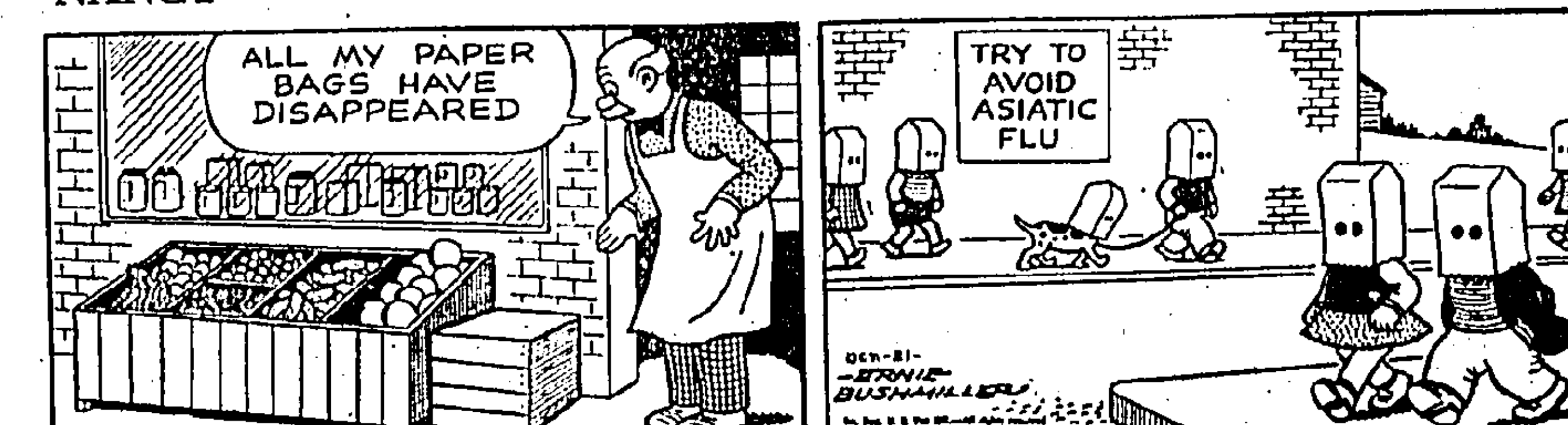
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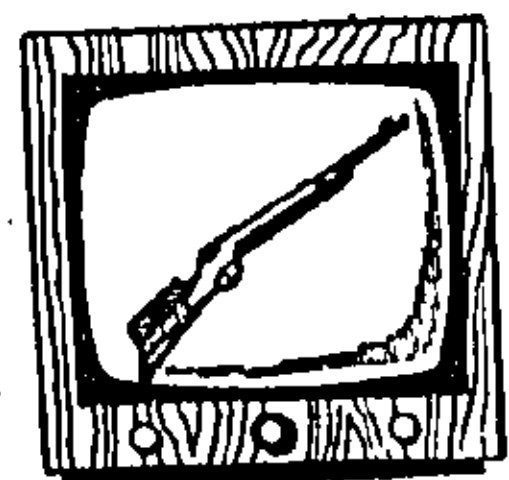
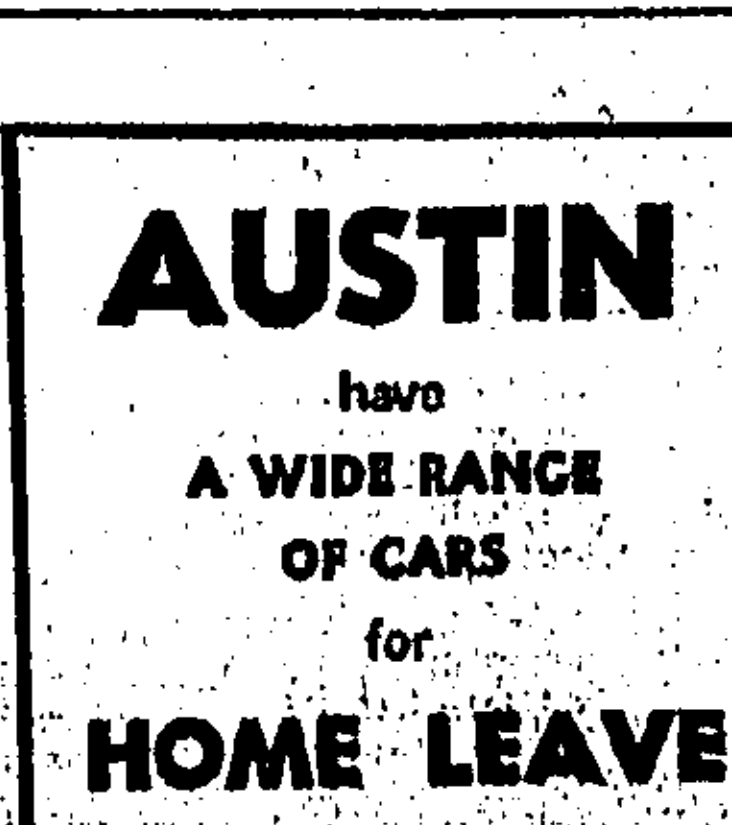
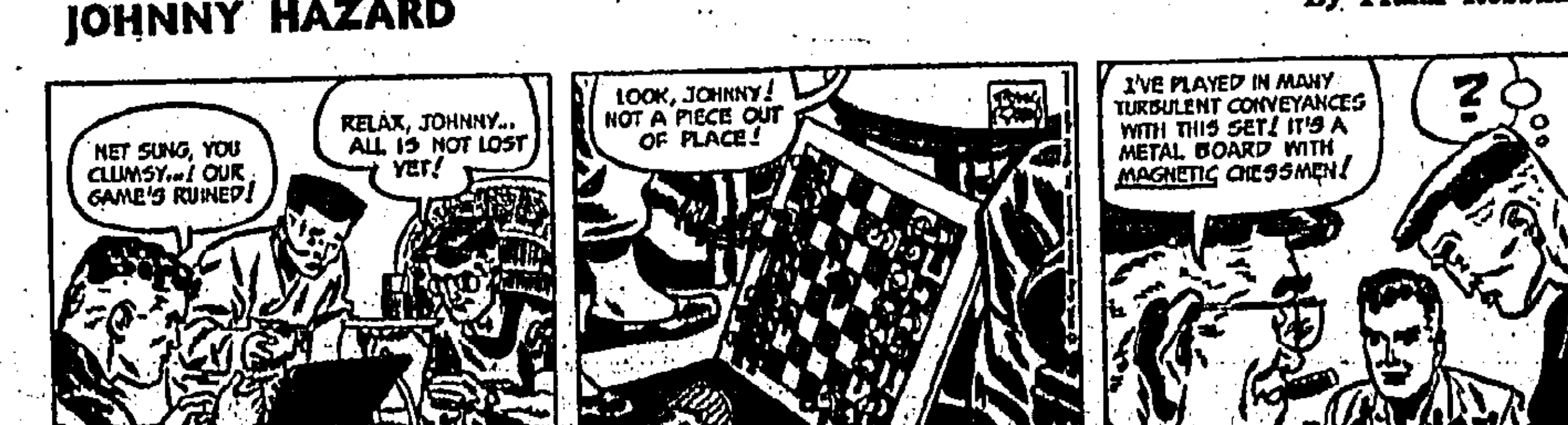
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1. Pirates

2. Cheddar, for instance

3. Surrounded by water

4. Domestic beast

5. Famous island

6. Stony captain

7. Contemporary

Solution on Page 8

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ALLEGED ACT OF PIRACY

Djakarta, Mar. 4. The Indonesian Government accused the Dutch Navy of "an act of piracy" today and announced that it would lodge a protest with the Netherlands for the alleged seizure of a ship in Indonesian territorial waters.

The Indonesian Foreign Ministry spokesman, Suwito Kusumowidagdo, said his government would demand the return of the crew and passengers aboard the ship Kasimbar and claim indemnities for any losses.

The Kasimbar, a vessel of the Dutch KPM line, was impounded by the Indonesian Government several weeks ago. She sailed from Balikpapan, Borneo, with a cargo of cattle under an Indonesian master.

The Dutch warship Drenthe was said to have seized the Kasimbar in the straits of Makassar, between Borneo and the Celebes, and to have taken her to Manokwari, West New Guinea.

The spokesman said other measures would be taken by the Indonesian Government, but he declined to elaborate.

ARMY UNIT

The Kasimbar had a unit of Indonesian army troops aboard at the time of seizure.

Suwito accused the Dutch of violating "principles of humanity."

Also commenting on a report from Sumatra that Malinda Simbolon, Foreign Minister in the revolutionary government, would attend a meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (Seato) in Manila as an observer, the spokesman said an invitation to Simbolon would be "very unwise" and might be regarded by Indonesia as an unfriendly act.

He said he did not believe that any Philippine consular post would grant Simbolon a visa.—United Press.

AMERICANS TO LAUNCH 2 SATELLITES

Washington, Mar. 3. Two American artificial satellites may be launched this week, informed sources said today.

One would be a second Explorer satellite identical to the one successfully launched by the Army on January 31, while the other would be the Navy Vanguard satellite whose two previous launches on December 6 and February 5 ended in failure, the sources said.

BETTER CHANCE

The Explorer II, which is to be launched first, has the better chance of being successfully placed in its orbit, the sources said. Two other Explorers will probably be launched before April, they added.

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ISRAELI ARMY

Johannesburg, Mar. 3. Israel can mobilize an army of 250,000 men within 48 hours, Captain Paltal Strasberg, Deputy-Director of the Israeli Defence Ministry, said in Johannesburg today.

He described the army as the strongest force in the Middle East.

Strasberg, visiting the Union of South Africa on a two-month lecture tour, said that Israel's "strength was essential to maintain peace in the Middle East which had become the centre of the cold war."—France Press.

Manila, Mar. 4. The Philippines will press for a "more effective economic collaboration" among Seato nations at the eight-nation defence organisation's Council of Ministers meeting here on March 11-13, Foreign Office sources said today.

Iran Protests To Britain Over Oil Deal

Tehran, Mar. 3. The Foreign Minister, Dr. Ali Qoli Ardalan, prepared a protest note to Britain and Saudi Arabia today on a reported Saudi Arabian-Bahrain oil deal, evening papers here reported.

They said that the protest, concerning the agreement signed on Saturday providing for the sharing of certain oil revenues and adjustment of maritime frontiers, would be lodged within two days.

The newspapers reported that the Foreign Minister had discussed the Bahrain question for an hour with the British Ambassador, Sir R. Stevens.

Iran claims that Bahrain is an integral part of her territory and that therefore Bahrain has no right to sign an agreement with a foreign power. Recently the Foreign Minister announced that Iran would sever diplomatic relations with any foreign government that attempted to draw the island into an alliance.—United Press.

Lawyer's Scepticism Dissipated

Honolulu, Mar. 3. An American lawyer defending three American "China Hands" accused of sedition returned today from two months in China and said his initial scepticism about his clients' charges that the United States used germ warfare in Korea "was substantially dissipated."

Los Angeles lawyer A.L. Wirin reaffirmed that evidence he found during his stay in China was "laughing before April, they added."

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Suspect Arrested

A man was arrested yesterday afternoon on suspicion of having stolen a sum of money from a Chinese woman in Canton Road, Kowloon.

At about 11 a.m. yesterday, a Chinese woman, who had just alighted from a bus in Lai Chi Kok Road near Shek Kip Mei Street, found that her pocket had been cut. Some property was missing.

Brooklyn Gangs' Threat To Wipe Out Police

New York, Mar. 3. A group of teen-aged Brooklyn street gangs, including the "Baby Maus Maus" and "St. Johns Killers," today threatened to "wipe out" New York city's entire 24,000-man police force if three juvenile murder trial defendants were sent to the electric chair.

The juvenile hoodlum alliance made its threat in a letter to the Spanish-language newspaper El Diario.

The three defendants are on trial with four other boys on charges of first degree murder for the killing of Michael Farmer, 15-year-old polio cripple, in a park last summer. Conviction could bring death in the electric chair.

The defendants include two white boys, two negroes, two Puerto Ricans and one Dominican.

Meanwhile, teenage violence broke out again—this time a murder. Police found 17-year-old Arnold Bulovas stabbed in the heart and left to die on a street corner in Brooklyn. The boy died hours later in a hospital.

Police said they did not know why he was killed.—United Press.

FIRST TIME IN 25 YEARS

New York, Mar. 3. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union tonight called a strike for 10 a.m. Wednesday after failure of a last-ditch mediation attempt to settle a contract dispute.

The strike by some 105,000 garment workers in seven Eastern states would cripple the billion-dollar industry. Plants affected produce 72 per cent of the nation's dresses.

The strike order was issued by Julius Hoffman, General Manager of the Joint Board of the ILGWU. David Dubinsky, President of the Union, and Hoffman said they had scheduled no further meetings with employer groups. It would be the first strike in the industry in 25 years.—United Press.

Arms Plane Was Destined For Latin America

Jerusalem, Mar. 3. Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesmen said today they had no doubts the arms-carrying B-7 bomber awaiting repairs at Bone Airfield, Algeria, was destined for Latin America.

Spokesmen refused to comment further except to say that French Deputies were showing "perfectly healthy democratic" procedures in wishing to take the question of the plane and its cargo in the National Assembly.

They said, however, that following an exchange of messages between Paris and Jerusalem, French authorities were now convinced that the plane's eventual destination was Latin America and that everything about its halt at Bone was in order.

The plane itself has also been sold to the arms purchaser, a spokesman confirmed.—United Press.

Refugees In Colony Not Britain's Lone Responsibility

London, Mar. 3. Mr Ian Harvey, joint Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, today reiterated in the House of Commons that the responsibility for European refugees in transit in Hongkong did not fall upon Britain alone.

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Mr Harvey added that the Foreign and Colonial Secretaries "already have this matter under consideration."—London Express Service.

POLICE CLAMP DOWN ON FAST TRAINS

Laport, Mar. 3. Police set up a radar speed check on the 20th Century Limited and other crack New York Central's trains today to force compliance with a 40-year-old ordinance restricting trains to a speed of 15 miles per hour.

The City Council ordered enforcement of the ordinance at a special session yesterday following the death of three persons in a train-auto collision last Saturday night.

The automobile in which the victims were riding was struck by a New York Central train which authorities said was travelling between 60 and 70 m.p.h.

Mayor Everett Koerner said warrants would be issued for the crews of all trains breaking the ordinance.—United Press.

ACTORS LOSE APPEAL

Washington, Mar. 3. A group of 23 Hollywood actors and writers, including Gale Sondergaard and Howard Da Silva, lost their appeal for damages for being blacklisted by the film industry before the Supreme Court today.

They were blacklisted after refusing to testify some years ago before the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee, during its investigation of alleged Communist influence in the film industry.

The group had sought damages on the ground they had not been able to get work since they were blacklisted.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It isn't necessary for you to describe the dress you are going to buy with the money you are withdrawing, madam!"

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HK SINGERS TO GIVE 2 CONCERTS FOR BLIND

The Hongkong Singers are presenting two concerts this week, the proceeds from which are to be given to the Hongkong Music Training Centre for the Blind. The first performance, on Thursday, is at the University, and the other in Wah Yan College, Kowloon on Friday. Both concerts begin at 8.30 p.m., and tickets are available from members of the choir or from Moutries.

The programme is varied and should appeal to all lovers of choral music. The first half of the concert consists of Mendelssohn's well-known "Hymn of Praise," which includes the very beautiful chorale "Let all praise the Lord" and the equally delightful "I waited for the Lord" for a Soprano duet and the chorus. The soloists in this work are Margaret Sainsbury, Soprano, Hilma Chr. Soprano, and Robert Wilton, Tenor. The accompanist for the whole concert is Robert Bell.

GEORGE DYSON

After the interval the choir will perform two works by the modern English composer, George Dyson. The first of these is "Three Songs of Courage," which is a very fine setting of three well known poems: John Bunyan's "Valour" set to a new and inspiring tune by Dyson; John Keats' "The Broomfield" and A.E. Housman's "Reverie."

The final work of the concert is Dyson's little known Fantasia "In Honour of the City." The City in question is London, and this work should be of great interest to all lovers of London, for it is a setting of a poem by William Dunbar in praise of the city of London as he knew it at the very beginning of the sixteenth century. Dyson's music in this work is often imitative of the sounds of the city: the bells may frequently be heard in the accompaniment, for instance, while the choir echo the sound of the river, and once, momentarily, the plain song chanting of the church choir.

Former Bank Engineer Dies

News has been received from Scotland of the death of Mr. A. McAlpine, retired resident engineer of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp., which occurred on February 22 after a short illness.

Mr. McAlpine, who was 65 years of age, is survived by his widow and a married daughter.

The late Mr. McAlpine joined the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. in 1934 and retired in June, 1950. Whilst in Hongkong in his later years, he served as committee member of the Hongkong Football Association. During the war, he was interned at Stanley Camp.

Pleasant Concert Marred By Bad Organisation

By R. A. BONES

Last night, Miss Irene Liao accompanied by Miss Moya Rea gave the first of their two recitals in aid of the Hongkong Music Training Centre for the Blind. This concert was given in the Loke Yew Hall of the University and the repeat tomorrow is in the Queen Elizabeth School, Kowloon.

The fears of the organisers that more tickets had been sold than there were seats available proved groundless. At 8.40 p.m., 10 minutes after the concert was due to begin, there was a "general post" and those members of the audience at the back were brought forward and those in the balcony were brought downstairs. Such a move had the unpleasant consequence that people who paid 10 dollars for their seats had others who paid only three dollars sitting in better seats than they were, and naturally this led to bad feeling.

At 8.45, a gang of stage-hands appeared and shifted the piano backwards and forwards directed by a gloved hand waved from the wings. This is a point which should have been arranged half an hour before the first member of the audience arrived.

Interruption

The recital began at 8.50—20 minutes late. Even while Miss Liao was singing further members of the audience were allowed into the hall to take their seats. After all this delay and interruption it was only to be expected that the audience was restless and inclined to be talkative which must have been most distracting to the performers.

I am pleased to say that the performers showed little signs of being put off, certainly they were less distracted than I was. Miss Liao has a very good tone and moderate power; she showed that she was well able to "carry" her intonation through quite long unaccompanied passages in her singing of "The Gulls" from Mignon. However, she has not enough drive and has not yet learnt to project herself sufficiently to sing grand operatic roles.

Blind Choir

On the concert platform, curtains do not serve any really useful purpose. When they are held forward and upwards about three feet so that the choir can arrange themselves behind them; when they are released to fall on the singers and disarrange their hair when they are called to sing, they become a farce. For better is it to leave them open.

The choir of the Training Centre for the Blind had to suffer these indignities when they made their first appearance on a public platform. During their second item, a stage hand appeared and lifted up, very noisily, two loud-speakers which then had to be tested while the choir were still singing by blowing into their microphones and tapping them and then turning up the gain until the obvious "howlback" ensued.

The choir showed great presence of mind and persisted resolutely with their singing. There has been a noticeable improvement even in the three weeks since I last wrote of them. They are now learning to control their volume and achieve quite a passable piano. I am always most impressed by the tremendous strides that these pupils are making in the very short time which this Training Centre has been formed.

Bad Management

I had thought and hoped that flash-light photographers had finally been driven out of our concert halls or at least severely restricted to the absolute minimum number of pictures taken when the artist is not actually performing. Last night, there was a continual movement during the first half of the programme on the part of the photographers and flashes both at us and the stage. These were joined by a noisy camera whose whirrings could be clearly heard on the other side of the auditorium.

I am sorry to have taken so long in writing about the general organisation and relatively little on the music, but with so much distraction, I found it almost impossible to concentrate on the music. I sincerely hope that the most worthy cause for which this concert was given will not suffer thereby.

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Lady Black Visits Red Cross Workers

Lady Black, President of the British Red Cross Society paid an informal visit to the ladies' Red Cross working party at the Chinese Women's Club this morning.

The new President was met on arrival at the entrance to York Building by Mrs M. W. Turner, Director of the Society, Mrs Mathilda Ng, Chairman of the Chinese Women's Club, Mrs F. J. Smith, Branch Officer of the Red Cross in Hongkong, and Mrs May Ho, Chairman of the Red Cross section of the Chinese Women's Club.

Another welcoming committee comprising Mrs Chan Fung-chau, President of the Club, Mrs Edna Ho and Mrs Kwok Chan, met Lady Black as she got out of the lift at the entrance of the Club.

Lady Black was introduced to members of the working party—totalling 40—who were engaged in turning out bandages etc. for the Red Cross.

During the course of the visit, tea was served.

Lady Black commended the working party for their very good turnout and expressed that she would like very much to "drop in" on them again in the near future.

Short Story Translations

The British magazine Encounter, in association with International PEN, is offering prizes worth £300 for the best English translations of short stories originally written in one of the Asian, African or Latin languages. Prizes will be equally divided between authors and translators.

The closing date is October 31, 1958, and the judges will be Graham Greene, Stephen Spender, Angus Wilson and Gerard Hopkins.

The rules of the competition, which should be carefully studied by intending competitors, are announced in the March issue of Encounter (No. 54); or may be obtained free of charge, from Encounter, 25, Haymarket, London, SW1 England.

Man Injured In Explosion

A 35-year-old hawker was seriously injured when a gas cylinder he was using to fill balloons exploded at 10.30 a.m. today. The explosion occurred on the ground floor of 26A Graham Street in the Central District.

The injured man, Wong Wai, was taken to Queen Mary Hospital, where he is receiving treatment.

Car Accident

A 30-year-old Chinese sustained serious injuries when he was knocked down by a private car in Leighton Hill Road at about 7 p.m. yesterday.

The man, Chan Kwong, of 135 Wing Lok Street, second floor, is detained in Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

Enquiries are being made by the Police to locate the vehicle involved in the accident.